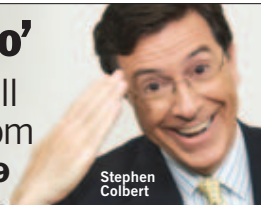


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Obama tours WWII concentration camp **Page 10**



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President Barack Obama tours the Buchenwald concentration camp with Holocaust survivor Elie Wiesel and German Chancellor Angela Merkel on Friday in Germany. Obama became the first U.S. president to visit the camp, where an estimated 56,000 people, including some 11,000 Jews, died at the hands of the Nazis.

Chaplain (Maj.) Jeff Struecker, second from left, talks about a fallen Ranger with fellow members of the 1st Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment — Staff Sgt. Corey Remsburg, Sgt. Nick Scarafale and Sgt. 1st Class Rob Sciandra — at the Normandy American Cemetery on Friday near Colleville-sur-Mer, France.

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From Normandy to Afghanistan, much has changed for U.S. troops

BY STEVE MRAZ
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COLLEVILLE-SUR-MER, France — Sixty-five years ago, thousands of American troops stormed Omaha and Utah beaches, pitting themselves against a conventional force fighting from fixed defensive positions.

They fought without body armor, night-vision goggles or modern communications, but they knew their mission: crush the German army, stop Adolf Hitler.

"On June 6th, 1944, you knew what you were fighting for," said Mark Norman, 74, of Jupiter, Fla., who served in the Navy during the 1950s. "On June 6th, 2009, it's a little bit harder to figure out what you're fighting for other than say, 'Well, I had a buddy die in the 82nd Airborne or something in Iraq.'"

U.S. troops serving in Iraq and Afghanistan today find themselves in a radically different fight, dubbed a counterinsurgency.

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QUOTE

OF THE DAY

"You really see this man ... staring down these approaching tanks as all the people around him are fleeing for their very lives. ... He's clearing a path for all these people ..."

—Terri Jones, former Associated Press reporter, on a photo he took during democracy protests in Tiananmen Square 1989

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Going? Please leave those generators.

For American troops in Iraq, the devil is often in the details

By HEATH DRUZIN
Stars and Stripes

BAGHDAD — As is often the case in Iraq, there was a surprise.

Minutes before the start of a recent ceremony to mark the handover of a small U.S. Army outpost to the Iraqi military in the Hurriyah neighborhood of northwest Baghdad, an emissary from Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki's office swept in, dressed in a smart suit and surrounded by a security detail.

The ceremony would have to wait, as there was crucial business to attend to: The wrong person was slated to get the ceremonial golden key to the base and there was the all-important question of which generators the U.S. would leave behind, a significant detail in oil-rich but power-starved Iraq.

By 8:45 a.m., the daily broil had already begun and Lt. Col. John Vermeesch was eager to get under way before the summer heat soured the outdoor ceremony for the local dignitaries patiently waiting under a shade tent.

Through an interpreter, the Iraqi official explained that all bases are now to be handed over to a newly created government commission and that he, not the local Iraqi major, must be handed the symbolic key. And, with Joint Security Station Hurriyah 1's concrete, bunkerlike main building already cleaned out in anticipation of the handover, the official



HEATH DRUZIN/Stars and Stripes

A U.S. soldier holds a guidon while his Iraqi counterparts wait for the official handover of Joint Security Station Hurriyah 1 in northwest Baghdad.

said all generators producing 400 or fewer watts were to remain.

Vermeesch's instructions were to leave only 200-watt generators. No one from the government had informed Vermeesch, or, it seems, his Iraqi army counterpart ahead of time of the changes.

In the end, the government emissary did receive the ceremonial golden key. But the generator question was left unresolved.

With less than a month to go before the June 30 deadline for U.S. troops to withdraw from Iraqi cities, the details of what the handover means are still foggy. In Baghdad alone, there were 50 joint security stations and combat outposts — small patrol bases in the middle of neighborhoods — and military officials say that number will dwindle to the teens by the end of the month.

For Vermeesch, who oversees operations in Baghdad's Kha-

damiyah district, this means a different approach. He will go from four joint security stations to none and many of his soldiers will be relocated to the Victory Base Complex, the sprawling U.S. military compound on the southwestern edge of town.

"Fundamentally, it means we have to commute to work," Vermeesch said.

Beyond that, though, Vermeesch said he's still waiting to hear specifics on day-to-day operations.

For example, with U.S. troops barred from unilateral patrols, can they even drive across town from the Victory Base Complex to link up with their Iraqi counterparts or will Iraqi Army units need to come pick them up?

The change will put more pressure on members of the Iraqi security forces, who will have to take over more of the daily se-

curity in Baghdad as U.S. forces withdraw to the edges of the city. After June 30, U.S. military officials say their troops will work on more of an on-call basis, helping when they are asked.

"We've been trying to reduce our signature," said Capt. Nathan Williams, 28, of Raleigh, N.C., who commanded soldiers at Joint Security Station Harriyah 1. "It will be different — you won't see us every day."

Maj. Hussein Atlab, who commands Iraqi forces at the security station, said the Iraqi army is ready to take on more responsibility—and that will be an important symbol for the Iraqi people.

"I'm sure they're going to be proud because they see their own army taking care of security," he said.

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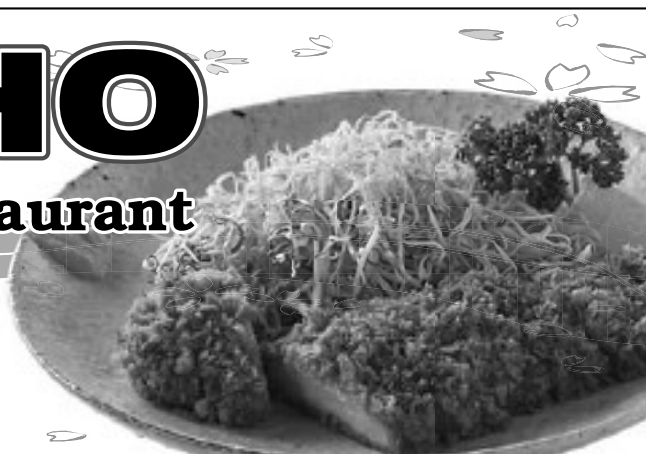
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MARK NORMAN, SERVED IN THE NAVY DURING THE 1950s

— 1944 - 2009 —

COMPARING WARFARE

Changes: Vets look at counterinsurgency versus conventional warfare

CHANGES, FROM PAGE 1

Soldiers are better equipped, have higher survival rates and, because of technology, have better awareness of their battle space. And even though the enemy in Iraq and Afghanistan is a shadowy figure best known for striking Americans with makeshift bombs, today's soldiers are serving in the most powerful military in the world.

“When we go in to do something, we don't have that fear in our minds that we could potentially lose,” said Army Lt. Col. Greg McMillan of the 360th Civil Affairs Brigade. “That generation back then, they were fighting and dying and didn't know if they were going to win or not. That sacrifice took a lot of courage and guts to go forth.”

The two generations of soldiers — dozens of D-Day vets and hundreds of active-duty U.S. troops — are in Normandy this weekend to commemorate the 65th anniversary of the famous beach landing, which marked the beginning of the Allied invasion in Europe.

To say conventional warfare is more difficult than counterinsurgency, or vice versa, would be comparing the clichéd apples and oranges. The complexities and challenges today's servicemembers face vary greatly from those faced 65 years ago.

Whereas conventional warfare in World War II could be characterized as a more clear-cut, black-and-white struggle of Axis versus Allies, counterinsurgency could be tabbed as fighting amid shades of gray against uncertain foes in which the objective is more about protecting the civilian population than killing the enemy.

“Back 65 years ago, they were pretty much fighting a uniformed foe with established set rules of land warfare,” said Army Staff Sgt. James Jenkins with Special Operations Command-Europe.

“Today, [U.S. foes in Iraq and Afghanistan] don't really have any rules. They're crafty. They'll do any little tactic really to get you.”

“[The D-Day veterans] faced an organized army,” said Army Staff Sgt. Racean McMillan of Vicenza, Italy's Company D, 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team. “We're facing guys dressed in civilian clothes with AKs. [The insurgents] just throw their weapon off and blend in with the crowd. It's pretty hard to blend a German uniform in with a



PHOTOS BY BEN BLOKER/Stars and Stripes

Willie Southerland, 93, talks with media and passers-by as British soldiers look on at the Normandy American Cemetery near Colleville-sur-Mer, France. Southerland was 27 years old when he stormed the beaches with the 18th Infantry Regiment. Below: Southerland reflects as he looks over the beaches.

bunch of French civilians.”

But, the casualty figures were much higher 65 years ago. About 2,500 troops died in and around Omaha Beach on D-Day. In the six years since the war started in Iraq, more than 4,300 U.S. troops have died.

Now from the Iraq and Afghanistan wars, one or two troops die a day, said Jerry Middleton, who was accompanying 93-year-old Willie Southerland on his first trip to Normandy since he landed on Omaha Beach on June 6, 1944.

“War's war, but this here, this was tough,” said Middleton, overlooking Omaha Beach. “They didn't have drones to go in and do stuff. Somebody had to do it with blood and sweat.”

Southerland agreed.

“Well today, they probably have a little more protection than we had then,” he said.

The depth and breadth of home-front support also differs greatly

between the current wars and World War II. In the 1940s, the entire country sacrificed. Americans grew Victory Gardens. Gasoline was rationed. Women worked in factories and because of the draft, everyone knew someone fighting in the war.

Today, being a more prosperous nation and fighting with an all-volunteer force, not nearly as many Americans are directly affected by Iraq and Afghanistan.

Regardless, all Americans should take some time during their day to thank those who have given their lives in past wars and those who are serving now, Norman said.

“We're a country at war,” said Norman, standing among the graves at Normandy American Cemetery. “The average person on the street, they're oblivious to it. Unless it's personal within the family, it's not such a big deal.”

“But it is a big deal. It should be.”

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ARMY LT. COL. GREG McMILLAN, 360TH CIVIL AFFAIRS BRIGADE

WWII vet recounts Omaha Beach battle

By STEVE MRAZ
Stars and Stripes

VIERVILLE-SUR-MER, France — Harold Baumgarten was a 19-year-old private when he landed on Omaha Beach in the early morning hours of June 6, 1944. On Friday, at the National Guard monument overlooking the beach he stormed, the 84-year-old told his story.

The soldiers of 1st Battalion, 116th Infantry Regiment of the 29th Division were young and small. Their average age was 24.

From the British ship Empire Javelin, Baumgarten loaded onto a landing craft assault boat with 28 others and was lowered into the English Channel. It was 3:30 a.m. and pitch black. The temperature was 50 degrees. The waves peaked at 15 feet and splashed over the sides of the low-riding landing crafts, immediately soaking the soldiers inside. Soldiers used their steel helmets to bail the water and vomit floating around them.

Not much of the pre-invasion pounding of German coastal defenses around Vieuxville-sur-Mer went off as planned.

The battle ship Texas was 12 miles offshore and fired its cannons from 5:55 a.m. until 6:25 a.m. to soften the German defenses. However, the shells overshot the beach. Just before the soldiers were set to come ashore, the Navy fired several hundred rockets toward the coastal fortifications, but the rockets landed short.

Buoys by rubberized canvas floats, 16 tanks were to lead the infantry on to the beach. Fourteen tanks sank in the waves. Two tanks hit the beach at Dog Green sector. German artillery took out one immediately.

Two of the four 116th Infantry Regiment companies missed their intended landing spots because of swift current. Companies A and B would make the initial assault on Dog Green sector alone.

Baumgarten glanced at his watch. It read 6:40 a.m.

The landing craft to his left hit a mine and exploded, showering Baumgarten's boat with wood, metal, body parts and blood. British sailors operating the assault craft got nervous and dropped the



PHOTOS BY BEN BLOKER/Stars and Stripes

Above: Maj. Gen. Tod Bunting, the adjutant general, Joint Forces Headquarters, Kansas National Guard, salutes those veterans who fought on the beaches of Normandy during a memorial ceremony Friday near Omaha Beach. At left: Hal Baumgarten, 84, a keynote speaker at the event, was one of only two soldiers from his landing craft who made it through that day.

exit ramps 50 yards further out from the beach. When the ramp fell, German machine guns mowed down several of men in Baumgarten's boat, including the soldier in front of him. Baumgarten dove for the exit. A bullet glanced off his helmet. The 5-foot-10 Baumgarten found himself in neck-deep in bloody water, holding his rifle above his head.

Running across the beach, Baumgarten saw things that no 19-year-old should ever see: body parts on the beach, soldiers carrying flamethrowers instantly cremated when bullets impacted their fuel tanks.

Baumgarten felt his M-1 rifle vibrate.

His weapon had stopped a bullet from killing him. The soldier behind him to the left was then shot and killed.

Baumgarten hit the sand behind the last row of heavy-vehicle obstacles. To his right, another 19-year-old private was shot in the chest and tripped over the obstacle. Before going silent, the other private yelled, "I'm hit. Mom. Mother."

To Baumgarten's left, a sergeant staggered around with a gaping hole on the left side of his forehead. The sergeant knelt down, took out his rosary beads and began praying. Baumgarten yelled for the sergeant to get down. The constant noise of combat rendered Baumgarten's warn-

ing useless. Bullets cut the sergeant in half.

Baumgarten's unit had 85 percent casualties within 15 minutes of landing. He suffered three wounds on D-Day and was wounded twice more the following day. Only one other soldier from Baumgarten's landing craft survived D-Day.

From the blood spilled that day, the beach looked as if it was painted with a bright red brush.

At midnight, every gun on the beach at Dog Green sector was silent, and every German was captured, killed or on the run.

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Veterans return to Normandy to mark 65th anniversary of D-Day

By KEVIN DOUGHERTY
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STE.-MÈRE-ÉGLISE, France — A Finnish officer chatted with two young German soldiers while a Frenchman in leather sandals, camouflage pants and a white sailor's hat strummed a guitar near a town square popular with U.S. paratroopers of today and yesteryear.

This is Ste.-Mère-Église, a place forever known as the first French town liberated by Allied forces in World War II. It's a magnet, a touchstone, a site of reverence and revelry. In these parts, the French adore Americans, particularly those military veterans who came ashore in Normandy 65 years ago today.

They also admire President Barack Obama. Along the main highway linking Caen to Cherbourg are a string of billboard signs welcoming the new American leader. Obama is scheduled to speak Saturday afternoon at Normandy American Cemetery, the primary venue for U.S. commemorative D-Day events.

An Army spokesman said at least 135 veterans who were in Normandy for D-Day had returned to mark this anniversary.

One of those is 93-year-old Willie Southerland. Assigned to the 18th Infantry Regiment, 1st Infantry Division, Southerland was a 27-year-old private when he landed on Omaha

Beach on June 6, 1944. He hadn't been back since.

Asked Friday how it felt to return to Normandy, Southerland replied, "It's the first time I didn't carry a gun."

France is hosting about 30 commemorative events in Normandy, ranging from monument rededications to wreath laying ceremonies, said Bruce Anderson, a U.S. Army Europe spokesman. On Saturday night, several coastal towns plan a coordinated fireworks display in honor of the vets.

"I feel like I'm appreciated," Southerland said as he toured the cemetery, drawing a crowd of admirers. "I just can't let [my emotions] all out today. I'll take tomorrow."

As he spoke, 49 children from a school in Buckinghamshire, England, walked the immaculate cemetery grounds where 9,386 U.S. servicemen are interred.

"I didn't expect there were this many people buried here," said 11-year-old Thomas Clark. Also walking the grounds were a group of Army Rangers from Savannah, Ga. Among them was Sgt. 1st Class Rob Sciandra.

"You can still feel a weight in the air," Sciandra said as he stood near the white, marble gravestone of a fellow ranger, Howard M. Henry of Kentucky. "You know what went on here."

Security in the region is exceptionally tight,

even more so than in past years. Several roads, including the major artery leading out of Caen, will be closed for much of Saturday to regular traffic. Access to the American cemetery, where Obama and French President Nicolas Sarkozy will speak, will be by invitation only.

The mood in Ste. Mère Église has been considerably more relaxed, especially in the evening, when veterans, current servicemen, tourists and locals mingle, often with a drink or a snack in hand.

Adding a degree of authenticity to the scene have been scores of World War II re-enactors. Some are perfectly attired, even down to their boxer shorts. No kidding.

And that French singer in sandals, Guy Scordia, went so far as to yield his guitar and the stage to Navy Lt. Cmdr. Chris Irwin from Stuttgart, Germany. Irwin belted out five songs, from Elvis to the Eagles. He was good, and the crowd loved it.

"We didn't quite know what to expect," Irwin said after his song set, "but it's been amazing. You can't think being here is not cool."

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Changes: 'A lot different but war's the same'

CHANGES, FROM PAGE 3

Without uttering a word, the two generations of combat-tested troops immediately know the common circumstances each faced without delving into details.

The words of Army Staff Sgt. Tim Karnicky, of Company D, 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team, aptly capture the thought.

Said Karnicky: "It's a lot different, but war's the same, I guess, in the end."

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GI convicted of attempted rape gets 9 months

By FRANKLIN FISHER
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CAMP HUMPHREYS, South Korea — An Army sergeant was found guilty Friday at Camp Humphreys of attempted rape and other charges and sentenced to nine months in jail and a reprimand.

Sgt. Fernando Martinez had pleaded not guilty to charges of rape, violation of a lawful order, attempted violation of a lawful general regulation, and making a false official statement.

A six-member jury found him guilty of all the charges except rape; they found him guilty instead of attempted rape.

Martinez is assigned to Battery E, 3rd Battalion, 2nd Air Defense Artillery, part of the 35th Air Defense Artillery Brigade.

His court-martial began Tuesday and ended Friday before military judge Lt. Col. Thomas Kulish.

Martinez went drinking the night of July 18, a Friday, and returned to barracks "very drunk," prosecutor Capt. Gerard Kenna told jurors in his opening statement Tuesday.

In the early morning hours of July 19, Martinez went to another soldier's room and "literally pulled" her out the door and back to his room, where he tried to have sex with her, Kenna said.

The sergeant pinned her to the bed and tried to penetrate her, Kenna said.

Martinez, Kenna told the jury, had denied any wrongdoing, insisting he'd summoned her for a matter of official business and that there had been no physical contact — sexual or otherwise.

But, Kenna said, fibers from her underwear and shirt were found on Martinez's bed, and the woman's DNA was found on Martinez's knuckle and penis.

Defense lawyer Capt. Adam Jonasz called on jurors to focus on "evidence ... talk, discuss, play Sherlock Holmes," before reaching a verdict.

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Officials ID man who died in Misawa pool

MISAWA AIR BASE, Japan — Air Force officials have identified the man who died after an incident in the base pool Wednesday as Kirk D. Althouse.

Althouse, 26, was in Japan to visit his mother, Capt. Nancy Althouse, with the 35th Medical Group, officials said Friday.

Lifeguards pulled an unconscious Althouse from the Himberg Pool and began performing CPR at 3 p.m. Wednesday. He was revived at the base hospital and was transported to the Hachinohe hospital.

The cause of death is pending autopsy and the pool will remain closed until further notice.

From staff reports

CID investigating post-trial death

By JON RABIROFF
Stars and Stripes

Court-martial security procedures are being reviewed after a soldier was found fatally shot outside U.S. Forces Korea headquarters at Yongsan Garrison last month, Army officials said. He had just been sentenced in connection with an improper relationship he had with a superior.

The body of Cuauhtemoc "Temo" Gonzalez Jr. was found May 22 with a gunshot wound in a grassy area on the east side of the USFK building. He was pronounced dead after being transported to a hospital.

CID officials declined to comment on reports that Gonzalez shot himself. They said only that

GI's body found after sentencing in S. Korea

his death remains under investigation, according to 8th Army Lt. Col. Jeff Buczkowski.

Gonzalez, of the 19th Adjutant General Company, said in court in April that he planned to plead guilty in a summary court-martial related to a prohibited relationship he had with a higher-ranking soldier last year.

Michelle Morales, who was married, was reprimanded and her rank reduced from master sergeant to sergeant first class after being found guilty of having a relationship with Gonzalez.

Several witnesses said Morales helped a private who knew of the romantic relationship get com-

mand sponsorship, even though he had been flagged for being overweight and failing his physical fitness test. She also allegedly put a barracks on lockdown so she could go to an entertainment district in Seoul one night with Gonzalez and two other couples, according to court testimony.

Gonzalez was to be court-martialed on charges of adultery and participating in an inappropriate relationship. In exchange for testifying at Morales' trial, he was going to be tried in a summary court-martial. That meant that he would not be given a bad-conduct discharge, and could only be reduced one rank.

On May 22, Gonzalez's rank was reduced to E-4, he was directed to forfeit two-thirds of one month's pay and he was to be restricted for 60 days, according to Buczkowski.

CID officials declined to comment when asked how Gonzalez may have obtained a gun or if there were witnesses to the shooting, Buczkowski said.

According to his death notice in the Modesto (Calif.) Bee, Gonzalez was born in Patterson, Calif., the third of four children. He is survived by his parents, siblings and a daughter.

Gonzalez had been in the Army for eight years, and had done two tours in Iraq, the notice said.

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Making a run at camaraderie

Capt. James D. Haugen, far right, commanding officer of Naval Air Facility Misawa, Japan, leads his sailors during a base-wide readiness run. Each month, the sailors join ranks with the Air Force, Army and Japan Air Self Defense Force at Misawa for a run to build unit cohesion and camaraderie.

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Senators mull school vouchers for military

Families say education hurt by constant moves

BY LEO SHANE III
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — Members of the Senate Armed Services Committee say they will explore a school voucher program for the military, responding to complaints from military families that PCS moves sometimes force their children into failing schools.

No formal proposals have been made, but at a military personnel hearing this week, several senators backed plans to re-search the issue of tuition vouchers which would allow families of servicemembers to choose which schools their children attend.

Sen. Saxby Chambliss, R-Ga., said he'd like to see a pilot program in the Washington, D.C. area, where a voucher system already exists.

The topic came as military

"Our kids' education should not have to suffer because of military obligations."

Patricia Davis

wife of Air Force Chief Master Sgt. James Davis, 316th Wing

spouses briefed the committee Wednesday about the problems facing troops' families under current military rules.

While most of the issues centered around heavy deployment schedules and adjustments when servicemembers return home, Patricia Davis, wife of Air Force Chief Master Sgt. James Davis of the 316th Wing, said education is becoming more problematic with troops' frequent moves.

"Increasingly, I'm seeing military families paying to send their kids to private schools, due to lack of quality education in the areas they're assigned to, or they decided to home-school instead," she said. "Our kids' education should not have to suffer because of military obligations."

Sheila Casey, wife of Army Chief of Staff Gen. George Casey Jr., said numerous military spouses have approached her about the issue, frustrated when they are transferred to an area with schools below their expectations.

The idea has been broached in the past, but then shelved because of questions about how to pay for it.

Senators on the panel acknowledged that finding a system to fund vouchers for more than 750,000 military children may prove too difficult to reconcile.

Kathy Moakler, director of government relations for the National Military Family Association, said those figures don't take into account families stationed overseas.

She said financial details would need to be worked out before her group could back any voucher plan.

Schools with military bases in their districts are eligible for impact aid to help offset tax losses, but senators said that money is unlikely to provide a reliable funding stream for vouchers.

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All smiles at Misawa safety fair



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Petty Officer 2nd Class Rolando Haluag reacts as he crashes on a motorcycle simulator Friday at Naval Air Facility Misawa, Japan. Haluag was one of hundreds of sailors stationed at Misawa who attended an annual safety fair.

Air Force names cyber security commander

The Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — A general who currently serves as an assistant deputy chief at Air Force headquarters will oversee the new cyber security and defense command slated for Lackland Air Force Base.

Air Force officials announced Thursday that Maj. Gen. Richard Webber would take over the new command later this year.

The cyber command will employ about 400 people and will focus on defending Air Force networks against attacks.

Webber, a 34-year veteran of the Air Force, is currently the assistant deputy chief for Air, Space

and Information Operations, overseeing requirements and training.

He's also a command space and missile operator.

Last month, Air Force officials named Lackland the preferred location for the new cyber command.

A final decision will be made after a required environmental assessment.



Webber

Landstuhl confirms two swine flu cases

BY LEO SHANE III
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — Officials at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center confirmed two cases of the H1N1 influenza, or swine flu, on Friday, and said four others may be infected as well.

The six patients — all military members — were sharing a common area at the hospital, according to officials from the center's Infectious Disease Laboratory. The two confirmed cases are the first among U.S. military personnel in Europe.

In a statement, Preventive Medicine Consultant Col. Evelyn Barraza said there is no indication of additional cases outside of those six troops. Each patient has

responded to treatment with Tamiflu, officials said. With the exception of a patient who arrived from Italy on May 26, none had traveled outside of Germany in the past two weeks, officials said.

On Friday, President Barack

Obama visited the medical center and met with troops recovering from combat injuries there. But hospital spokesman Steve Davis said the six involved with the H1N1 virus were not among those he met.

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IG: Downrange mental care regulations followed

By KIMBERLY HEFLING
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The father of a soldier who committed suicide in Iraq says he was angry and discouraged that a military inspector general's investigation into the use of unlicensed psychologists in Iraq found the practice did not violate Army regulations.

The investigation was instigated by a complaint from Chris Scheuerman, of Sanford, N.C., father of Pfc. Jason Scheuerman, 20, who was found dead in his barracks in Iraq in 2005.

Three weeks before the soldier's death, an unlicensed psychologist asked by the soldier's captain to evaluate him, said in a report that Scheuerman was "capable of claiming mental illness" to manipulate superiors and sent him back to his unit.

In a telephone interview on Thursday, Chris Scheuerman said military medical commanders "absolutely" should've known better than to send unlicensed psychologists to war.

"Any reasonable person would know that the worst place to train a psychologist would be in a combat environment," said Scheuerman, a former Army master sergeant who served in the Special Forces.

A copy of the Army Medical Command's inspector general's investigation, completed in November, was obtained by The As-



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Chris Scheuerman and his former wife, Anne, reminisce about their son Jason, pictured right, in Sanford, N.C., in 2007. The father of a soldier who committed suicide in Iraq says he was angry and discouraged that a military inspector general's investigation into the use of unlicensed psychologists in Iraq found the practice did not violate Army regulations.

sociated Press using a Freedom of Information Act request.

Prior to a change in policy in 2006, it was a common practice in Iraq for the military to deploy unlicensed providers with the stipulation that they work under supervision. The policy was similar to that in civilian settings, but was changed after the military determined supervision was difficult to do in a combat setting.

Scheuerman's father said the then-unlicensed psychologist who

treated his son should never have been in a position to do so, and is culpable in his son's death.

The father also complained that a top medical officer, Col. Elspeth Ritchie, who served as the psychiatry consultant to the Army surgeon general, knew of the provider's qualifications, and failed to take corrective action after his son's death.

DOD rules require a "doctoral level" health care provider to evaluate any soldier believed to be

at risk for suicide.

The psychologist in Scheuerman's case, then-Army Capt. Chris Hansen, whose report also said Scheuerman should be taken seriously if he acted depressed again, received his doctoral degree in 2007 and his license in 2008, in Alabama. It is not clear whether Hansen was supervised.

Chris Scheuerman is seeking to have Hansen's license revoked.

The IG, however, determined the father's complaints were

unfounded.

"The premise that someone at [Medical Command] made the decision to deploy providers regardless of their licensure is without merit," the investigation said.

Ritchie and Hansen, who is currently stationed at Fort Benning, Ga., were unavailable for comment, said Lt. Col. George Wright, an Army spokesman. He said in an e-mail that the Army has taken appropriate actions against individuals involved in the matter.

"We continue to be concerned about suicides, and are increasing our efforts to reduce this tragic occurrence," Wright said. "We grieve the loss of every soldier, no matter what the cause."

At least 211 soldiers have taken their lives while serving in the Iraq and Afghanistan wars, while others have committed suicide after returning home. The Army had the highest rate of suicides on record last year.

Scheuerman's behavior raised enough alarms that when a call came over the unit's radios that there had been a death, one soldier told investigators he immediately knew who it was who had died.

A separate investigation into the soldier's death last year by the Army inspector general determined that "military-related issues" were a factor in his suicide. It also said personal issues may have contributed.

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Olson: Need for elite forces outpaces growth

By LOLITA C. BALDOR
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Elite special operations forces can't grow fast enough to meet increasing global demands, so the Pentagon is depending more heavily on support from regular forces not always available, according to the military's top special operations commander.

Adm. Eric T. Olson, head of U.S. Special Operations Command, says he needs the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines to provide more logistics, intelligence, communications and air transportation support for his troops overseas.

"We are and will be dependent upon our service partners for key force enablers," said Olson in remarks prepared for a congressional hearing.

"The non-availability of these force enablers has become our most vexing issue in the operational environment."



Olson

Olson, who was scheduled to testify Thursday before the House of Representatives Armed

Services terrorism subcommittee, says his force can only grow by 3 percent to 5 percent a year.

But, he said, the need for special operations units to deploy in hot spots around the globe is outpacing that growth.

The more mobile, specially trained warriors carry out more secretive anti-terror missions, and in a number of countries they are used to train foreign forces.

In most cases, however, they rely on their brethren in larger, conventional military units to fuel their helicopters, fix their trucks, transport their troops and provide surveillance and other information.

Olson said there is still a short-

age of manned and unmanned surveillance aircraft and systems, which are critical for his forces on the warfront.

Another challenge, he said, will be to ensure that special operations units serving in dangerous areas of Iraq get the support they need as the larger, conventional units leave the country.

There are 135,000 U.S. forces in Iraq, and they are scheduled to leave the cities by June.

President Barack Obama has said that all combat forces will be out of the country by the end of August 2010, and all forces will be out of Iraq by the end of 2011.

Olson said his forces have made progress in one key area — the

recruitment of non-U.S. citizens with foreign language and cultural expertise.

He said more than 100 of the legal, non-permanent residents have joined the Army under a pilot program and some will serve in special operations units.

Special operations forces are deployed around the world, including as many as 8,000 in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The Pentagon is increasing the number of elite forces from about 45,000 in 2001 to about 62,000 by 2015.

The elite warriors include Army Rangers and Green Berets, Navy SEALs, and Air Force and Marine special operations forces.

Robotic arm gives veteran hope as VA rolls out trials

By STEVE VOGEL
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — As director of the Department of Veterans Affairs' Prosthetic and Sensory Aids Service, Frederick Downs Jr. has more than a professional interest in the devices the department offers veterans who have lost limbs.

In 1968, while serving with the Army's 4th Infantry Division as a second lieutenant, Downs lost his left arm to a land mine during a patrol in Vietnam.

When VA began examining an experimental prosthetic arm with reputedly far greater capabilities than anything now available Downs volunteered as a subject, but he was not expecting anything remarkable. "I was skeptical at first," he said. "I couldn't believe it would work as well as they said it would."

Instead, Downs was brought to tears when the prosthetic arm allowed him to smoothly bring a water bottle to his mouth and drink.

"For the first time in 41 years I was able to grasp with my left hand," Downs said. "I wasn't expecting that. I'm so used to being an amputee, it was an emotional thing."

Last week, VA announced the start of a three-year clinical trial that represents the first large-scale testing of the arm, a critical step before it can be made widely available. The first patient was fitted with an arm in April.

If the trial is successful, the robotic arm could restore a measure of freedom for some injured veterans of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, a significantly higher proportion of whom have lost arms than in previous conflicts. "When you lose upper extremity, you lose your independence," Downs said.

The device was developed by Deka Research and Development, the New Hampshire company whose

founder, Dean Kamen, invented the Segway and various medical devices. Deka undertook the project 30 months ago as part of a \$100 million program to revolutionize prosthetics sponsored by the Pentagon's Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA).

The robotic arm, nicknamed the "Luke arm" after the artificial arm worn by Luke Skywalker in the "Star Wars" films, allows those who have lost a limb up to their shoulder joint to perform movements while reaching over their head, a previously impossible maneuver for people with a prosthetic arm.

"It's actually light years closer to a real arm," said Joel Kupersmith, VA's chief research and development officer.

About 22 percent of the 820 American troops injured in Iraq or Afghanistan who have suffered major amputation have lost arms, while the comparable figure in Vietnam was only about 4 percent, according to Downs.

The reason is ever-improving medical treatment in the field and speedy evacuations that has saved the lives of many grievously injured troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. "In Vietnam, the blast that would blow off your arm was usually able to damage your torso so much it would kill you," Downs said.

Users control the arm via an array of sensors embedded in a shoe, maneuvering it by putting pressure on different parts of the foot. Wires relay the signals to the arm, but future versions will be wireless.

The arm can also be adapted to work with other control systems, including myoelectric switches, which are wired to residual nerves and muscles in the upper body and can respond to movement impulses from the brain, shoulder joysticks or other inputs.



STEVE VOGEL/The Washington Post

Frederick Downs Jr., who lost his left arm to a land mine in Vietnam, tests a new prosthetic arm as John Milani, of the Department of Veterans Affairs, left, and engineer Dirk van der Merwe applaud in a research lab in Manchester, N.H. If tests are successful, the prosthetic could help veterans who have lost limbs during wartime.

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Colbert set to broadcast four shows from Baghdad

BY JAKE COYLE
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Stephen Colbert will broadcast four shows this week from Baghdad, where he says he'll be "Bob Hopping" it for the troops.

Colbert arrived at the former Al Faw Palace at Camp Victory on Friday. For weeks, he's promoted the trip on Comedy Central's "The Colbert Report," but because the military urged caution, he has only trumpeted a vague trip to "the Persian Gulf."

The series of shows, each to be taped in front of an audience of about 450 troops, have been dubbed "Operation Iraqi Stephen: Going Commando." It's the first time anyone has broadcast from Iraq for a USO tour.

Though Colbert has often infused his mock pundit character into real events — the 2008 election, the 2006 White House Correspondents' Association dinner — his Iraq trip isn't a parody.

Both the character Colbert (silent "t") and the real Colbert (pronounced "t"), a Catholic family man, are ardent supporters of the troops. He has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for the Yellow Ribbon Fund (a charity that assists injured servicemembers and their families), and he's a board member of DonorsChoose.org, which benefits the schools of military kids.

"Sometimes my character and I agree," Colbert said in an interview before leaving for Baghdad. "My character and I both know the Apostles' Creed and my character and I both think it's a shame that we're not talking about the troops anymore."

After months of planning, "The Colbert Report" is sending about 30 production staff (a third of the show's regular staff) to Iraq. The production restraints are steep, but Colbert is planning to do four shows, which will air Monday through Thursday.

Colbert prepared for the trip by

visiting Fort Jackson, S.C., for a very abbreviated basic training. He also drew on help from Tom Hanks to gather care packages for the troops.

Does he expect a tough crowd?

"I don't know," said Colbert. "It's got both things going for it. One is, they're hungry for entertainment. But also, they have a whole vocabulary of existence that I haven't experienced yet."

The shows' theme will be the declining attention paid to the war in Iraq. Colbert says he was spurred to make the trip when he noticed economic news coverage eclipsing reports from Baghdad.

Colbert said he feels a "special guilt" and responsibility to keep the soldiers' story alive because of the political nature of his program.

The 45-year-old comedian says he's not afraid of the danger of visiting Iraq ("I'm not a high value target"). Instead, he said he's only nervous about doing a good show for the troops.



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Talk show host Stephen Colbert, shown with an Air Force jet at the Republic Airport in East Farmingdale, N.Y., will be broadcasting four shows from Baghdad next week.

Military reports two U.S. troops killed in Iraq incidents

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — The U.S. military on Friday reported two American troop deaths in Iraq, including a soldier who was killed in a grenade attack north of Baghdad.

The soldier was the second American fatality from grenade attacks Thursday in Iraq.

Separately, a Marine died Friday as the result of a non-combat related incident, the military said in a brief statement that provided no further details.

U.S. casualties remain sharply lower than in the past years.

But the conflict continues to take a toll as the Americans face a June 30 deadline to pull back from urban areas in Iraq, the

first step toward a full withdrawal by the end of 2011.

May saw 25 U.S. troop deaths, the highest number since the same number died in September.

The death toll the previous month was 19, according to an Associated Press count.

The Multi-National Corps — Iraq soldier

died late Thursday of injuries sustained in an attack on a patrol in Diyala province, according to a military statement issued Friday.

Another soldier was killed Thursday in a grenade attack against a patrol in the northern Tamim province, which includes the disputed city of Kirkuk.

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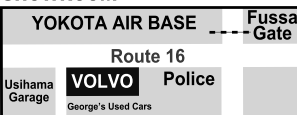
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Obama tours
Buchenwald
with survivor
of Holocaust

The Associated Press

WEIMAR, Germany — President Barack Obama, the first U.S. president to visit Buchenwald, walked through the former Nazi concentration camp with someone very familiar with its history: Holocaust survivor Elie Wiesel.

Obama invited the Nobel Peace Prize winner to join him for a somber tour of the site where 56,000 people died during the Holocaust. Many of them were Jews, including Wiesel's father.

"Memory must bring people together rather than set them apart," said Wiesel, who flew to the former camp on Obama's presidential helicopter.

"What else can we do, except invoke that memory so that people everywhere can say the 21st century is a century of new beginnings filled with promise and infinite hope and, at times, profound gratitude to all those who believe in our task, which is to improve the human condition?"

Wiesel and his family were deported from what is now Romania to Auschwitz, another concentration camp where his mother and younger sister died.

He was then moved to Buchenwald, where his father died three months before the camp was liberated in 1945.

The visit also had personal significance for Obama: a great-uncle helped liberate a nearby satellite camp, Ohrdruf, days before other U.S. Army units overran Buchenwald.

Wiesel, Obama and German Chancellor Angela Merkel laid white roses at a memorial and toured the crematorium, where victims' bodies were burned.



GERALD HERBERT/AP

President Barack Obama walks with Holocaust survivor Elie Wiesel on Friday as he tours the Buchenwald concentration camp in Germany.

Obama wants 2-state solution

By MARK S. SMITH
The Associated Press

WEIMAR, Germany — President Barack Obama toured a World War II concentration camp Friday after prodding the international community to redouble efforts toward separate Israeli and Palestinian states in hopes of resolving a conflict fueled by the Jewish nation's post-Holocaust creation.

"These sites have not lost their horror with the passage of time," Obama said after seeing crematory ovens, barbed-wire fences and guard towers at the Buchenwald camp. "More than half a century later, our grief and our outrage over what happened have not diminished."

Earlier in Dresden, alongside German Chancellor Angela Merkel, the president pressed for progress toward Mideast peace, saying: "The moment is now for us to act."

He added: "The United States can't force peace upon the parties" but America has "at least created the space, the atmosphere, in which talks can restart."

The president also announced he was dispatching special envoy George J. Mitchell to the region next week to follow up on his speech in Cairo a day earlier, in which he called for both Israelis and Palestinians to make concessions in the standoff.

Fresh from visits to Saudi Arabia and Egypt, Obama said that while regional and worldwide powers must help achieve peace, responsibility ultimately falls to

"I think the moment is now for us to act on what we all know to be the truth, which is each side is going to have to make some difficult compromises."

President Barack Obama

on reviving the Middle East peace process

Israelis and Palestinians to reach an accord.

He said Israel must live up to commitments it made under the so-called "Road Map" peace outline to stop constructing settlements, adding: "I recognize the very difficult politics in Israel of getting that done." He also said Palestinians must control violence-inciting acts and statements, saying Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas "has made progress on this issue, but not enough."

Merkel, for her part, promised to cooperate on the long-sought goal. She said the two leaders discussed a time frame for a peace process but did not elaborate.

"With the new American government and the president, there is a truly unique opportunity to revive this peace process or, let us put this very cautiously, this process of negotiations," Merkel said.

Added Obama: "I think the moment is now for us to act on what we all know to be the truth, which is each side is going to have to make some difficult compromises."

While Obama did not address

ute" to U.S. closure efforts and said she was confident of eventually reaching a "common solution" on the prisoners' fate.

Obama became the first U.S. president to visit the Buchenwald concentration camp. An estimated 56,000 people, including some 11,000 Jews, perished there at the hands of Nazis.

Accompanying Obama was Merkel; Elie Wiesel, a 1986 Nobel Peace Prize winner, author and Holocaust survivor; and Bertrand Herz, another Buchenwald survivor. Each one laid a long-stemmed white rose at a steel memorial. They were later joined by Volkhard Knigge, head of the Buchenwald memorial.

"To this day, there are those who insist the Holocaust never happened," Obama said. "This place is the ultimate rebuke to such thoughts, a reminder of our duty to confront those who would tell lies about our history."

"This place teaches us that we must be ever vigilant about the spread of evil in our own time," Obama added.

The Buchenwald
concentration camp

WEIMAR, Germany — Some details about the Buchenwald concentration camp that President Barack Obama visited Friday.

■ Approximately 250,000 prisoners were held at Buchenwald from its opening in July 1937 to its liberation by U.S. forces on April 11, 1945. An estimated 56,000 people were killed, including approximately 11,000 Jews.

■ The wrought-iron gate to the camp bears the sign "Jedem das Seine," German for "To each his own."

■ Buchenwald was originally intended to house a variety of groups, including people in the anti-Nazi resistance, Jehovah's Witnesses, homosexuals and ex-convicts. But after the anti-Jewish pogrom on Nov. 9, 1938 — known as "Kristallnacht" or "The Night of Broken Glass" — the camp also was used to hold thousands of Jews.

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French, Brazilians come up empty in wreckage search

By EMMA VANDORE
The Associated Press

PARIS — French and Brazilian search teams have found no debris confirmed to have come from the Airbus A330 that vanished over the Atlantic, officials said Friday.

Confusion broke out after Brazilian officials said Thursday that a helicopter had plucked from the sea an airplane cargo pallet from the Air France flight — only to retract the claim hours later.

France's Transportation Minister, Dominique Bussereau, suggested Friday that searchers were back to square one in the hunt for Flight 447 bound from Rio de Janeiro to Paris, which went down off Brazil late Sunday.

"French authorities have been saying for several days that we have to be extremely prudent," Bussereau told France's RTL radio.

"Our planes and naval ships have seen nothing."

Also Friday, Brazil's Air Force was flying designated relatives of victims Friday from Rio de Janeiro to the military's search command post in the northeastern city of Recife so they could tour the operation and ask questions. Recife has a large air force base where debris and any human remains will be brought.

The pallet Brazilian officials initially said came from the plane was made of wood, and the plane was not carrying wooden pallets, Brazilian Air Force Gen. Ramon Cardoso told reporters. "So far, nothing from the plane has been recovered," Cardoso said.

Cardoso said a large oil slick spotted by search plane pilots was not from the Airbus, but that

another slick of kerosene found may have been from the downed passenger jet.

"The oil was not from the plane because there wasn't oil of that quantity (on the plane) to cause that slick," he said.

French officials stopped short of criticizing their Brazilian counterparts.

"Brazilian authorities first indeed hoped to have found parts of the plane, then unfortunately, arriving in the area, realized it wasn't the case," said French Foreign Ministry spokesman Eric Chevallier.

"Unfortunately that can happen."

French Defense Minister Herve Morin and the Pentagon have said there are no signs that terrorism was involved, but Morin declined to rule out the possibility.

From the start of the investigation, "I've said we can't exclude terrorism," Morin told reporters Friday.

"We have no element which allows us to corroborate that. The inquiry that is taking place has never excluded this thesis," he said.

Brazil's defense minister said the possibility was never considered.

Investigators are looking into whether malfunctions in instruments used to determine airspeed may have led the plane to be traveling at the wrong speed when it encountered turbulence from towering thunderstorms over the Atlantic.

Two aviation industry officials told The Associated Press on Thursday that investigators were studying the possibility that an external probe that measures air

pressure may have iced over.

The probe feeds data used to calculate air speed and altitude to onboard computers. Another possibility is that sensors inside the aircraft reading the data malfunctioned.

If the instruments were not reporting accurate information, the jet could have been traveling too fast or too slow as it hit turbulence from violent thunderstorms, according to the officials.

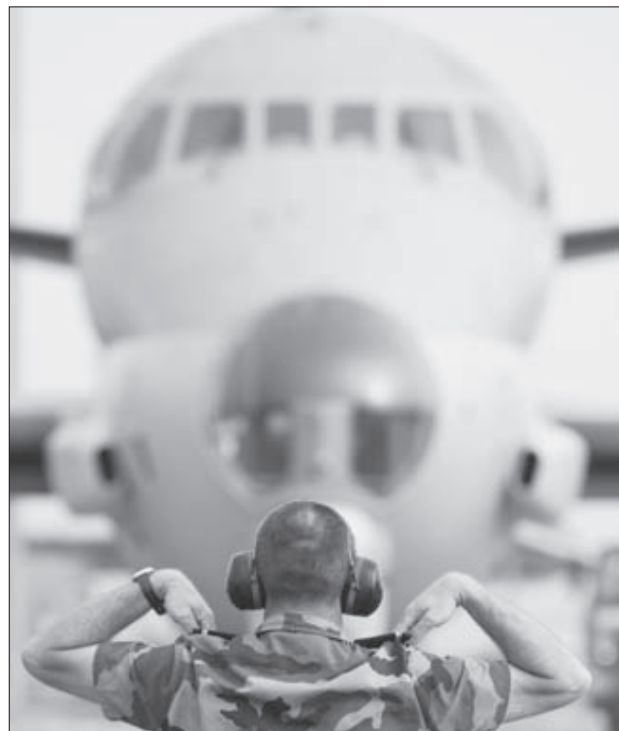
Jetliners need to be flying at just the right speed when encountering violent weather, experts say — too fast and they run the risk of breaking apart. Too slow, and they can lose control.

Meteorologists said the Air France jet entered an unusual storm with 100 mph updrafts that acted as a vacuum, sucking water up from the ocean.

The moist air rushed up to the plane's high altitude, where it quickly froze in minus-40 degree temperatures.

The updrafts also would have created dangerous turbulence. The jetliner's computer systems ultimately failed, and the plane broke apart likely in midair as it crashed into the Atlantic on a flight from Rio de Janeiro to Paris Sunday night.

But investigators will have little to go on until they recover the plane's "black box" flight data and voice recorders, now likely on the ocean floor miles beneath the surface.



REBECCA BLACKWELL/AP

A member of the ground crew uses hand signals to guide an arriving Atlantic Model 2 plane, returning from the crash site of an Air France flight, at a French air base in Dakar, Senegal, on Thursday.

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The French marine institute Ifremer's manned submarine Nautilat is shown on April 2. The French research vessel Pourquoi Pas, carrying search submarines, is heading from the Azores into the Atlantic Ocean and will be in the search zone for the missing Air France plane by June 12.

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Report: U.S. to impose sanctions on N. Korea

BY JAE-SOON CHANG
The Associated Press

SEOUL — The United States will impose its own financial sanctions on North Korea apart from punishments that the U.N. has been considering for Pyongyang's latest nuclear test, a news report said Friday.

The U.S. sanctions call for blacklisting foreign financial institutions that help the North launder money and conduct other dubious deals, South Korea's Chosun Ilbo newspaper reported.

U.S. Deputy Secretary of State James Steinberg briefed the South Korean president on the new sanctions at a meeting Thursday, the mass-market paper said, citing an unidentified official at the presidential office. The U.S. Embassy in Seoul could not confirm the report.

Steinberg visited Beijing on Friday and met with Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi, but no details about their discussion were immediately released.

Last week, Pyongyang conducted a barrage of missile launches and an underground nuclear test that violated previous U.N. Security Council sanctions. The North also appeared to be preparing for more missile tests, including one believed to be capable of reaching the U.S.

Also Friday, North Korea was silent about the trial of two American journalists facing the secretive communist nation's highest court on allegations that they crossed into the country illegally and engaged in "hostile acts."

The case of TV reporters Laura Ling and Euna Lee threatened to raise tensions with the U.S., which already have been running high since the North tested another nuclear device last week and fired a series of missiles.

There were fears the women might become political pawns as the U.N. debates possible sanctions for Pyongyang in response to the test.

No details of the trial have been publicly released since the North's official news agency filed a brief dispatch Thursday saying the proceedings would be held later that day. The story has been followed by only a few other reports, including one accusing the U.S. of warmongering and another about Syrian Embassy workers helping the North's farmers weed a bean field.

Washington had no independent confirmation that the trial had begun, U.S. State Department spokesman Robert Wood said Thursday.

The North has said no foreign observers would be allowed to watch the trial, he said. That includes Swedish officials who act as Washington's proxy in Pyongyang because North Korea and the U.S. do not have diplomatic ties.

The journalists, who worked for former Vice President Al Gore's California-based Current TV, were doing a story about the trafficking of women when they were arrested March 17 near the Chinese-North Korea border. It was unclear if they strayed into the North or were grabbed by border guards who encroached on Chinese territory. Pyongyang

has yet to publicly announce the exact charges against the women, but South Korean legal experts have said a conviction for "hostility" or espionage could mean five to 10 years in a labor camp.

Choi Eun-suk, a professor on North Korean legal affairs at the Institute for Far Eastern Studies at Kyungnam University in South Korea, said rulings by Pyongyang's high court are final and an appeal won't be allowed.

But he said if post-trial negotiations go well, the journalists may be released eventually like other convicted foreigners before them.

One case involved an American, Evan C. Hunziker, who entered the North in 1996 by swimming across the Yalu River, which marks the border with China.

Hunziker, who apparently made the swim on a drunken dare, was accused of spying and detained for three months.

Hunziker, then 26, was eventually freed after negotiations involving a special U.S. envoy. The North Koreans wanted to slap Hunziker with a \$100,000 criminal fine but eventually agreed on a \$5,000 payment to settle a bill for a hotel where he was detained.



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Guinea-Bissau says coup attempt foiled

The Associated Press

BISSAU, Guinea-Bissau — Authorities in Guinea-Bissau said Friday they foiled an attempted coup, and security forces killed two people allegedly involved, including a candidate in the West African nation's upcoming presidential ballot.

A statement issued by Guinea-Bissau's intelligence service said the coup plot was masterminded by former Defense Min-

ister Helder Proenca. It said presidential candidate Bacirol Dabo was also involved, Portugal's national news agency Lusa reported. Both men were confirmed dead in separate shootings.

"This being a subversive act and its perpetrators being armed, police help was requested in order to disarm them," the intelligence service statement said. "During the operation some gave themselves up while others resisted, bringing

an exchange of gunfire that caused their deaths."

The West African country's president, Joao Bernardo "Nino" Vieira, was assassinated March 2, just hours after his longtime rival, the head of the armed forces, was killed by a bomb.

An interim government was set up after Vieira's death and elections to choose a new leader are due June 28, with campaigning to begin Saturday.

The intelligence service statement alleged that former Prime Minister Faustino Imbali and retired armed forces officers were also involved in the attempted overthrow.

The plotters planned to oust the interim president, dissolve parliament, and kill armed forces Chief of Staff Zamora Induta and Prime Minister Carlos Gomes Junior, the statement said.

Can cell phones help limit rapid spread of diseases?

A Japanese firm says it's possible

By JAY ALABASTER
The Associated Press

TOKYO — A few months from now, a highly contagious disease will spread through a Japanese elementary school. The epidemic will start with several unwitting children, who will infect others as they attend classes and wander the halls.

If nothing is done, it will quickly gain momentum and rip through the student body, then jump to parents and others in the community. But officials will attempt to stymie the disease and save the school — using mobile phones.

The sickness will be a virtual one, in an experiment funded by the Japanese government. A subsidiary of Softbank Corp., a major Japanese Internet and cellular provider, has proposed a system that uses phones to limit pandemics.

The exact details have yet to be fixed, but Softbank hopes to pick an elementary school with about 1,000 students and give them phones equipped with GPS. The locations of the children will be recorded every minute of the day and stored on a central server.

A few students will be chosen to be considered "infected," and their movements over the previous few days will be compared with those of everyone else. The stored GPS data can then be used to determine which children have crossed paths with the infected students and are at risk of having contracted the disease.

The families of exposed students will be notified by messages to their mobile phones, instructing them to get checked out by doctors. In a real outbreak, that could limit the rate of new infections.

"The number of people infected by such a disease quickly doubles, triples and quadruples as it spreads. If this rate is decreased by even a small amount, it has a big effect in keeping the overall outbreak in check," said Masato Takahashi, who works on infrastructure strategy at Softbank.

He demonstrates with a cal-



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Japanese students wearing masks as a precaution against swine flu walk together near a train station in Kawasaki, west of Tokyo. One company says coordination via cell phone may limit future outbreaks.

culatation: If an infected person makes about three more people sick per day, and each newly infected person then makes another three people sick, on the 10th day about 60,000 people would catch the disease.

If each sick person instead infected two people a day, on the 10th day about 1,500 people would get sick.

The experiment was conceived before the current outbreak of swine flu, but has drawn fresh attention now that Japan has the highest number of confirmed cases outside of North America.

It is one of 24 trials the government recently approved as part of a program to promote new uses for Japan's Internet and cellular infrastructure.

The country boasts some of the most advanced mobile phone technology in the world. It is blanketed in high-speed cellular networks, and phones come standard with features like GPS, TV and touchless train passes. Until

now, technologies like GPS have mainly been used to help people figure out where they are and what is nearby.

As networked devices like the iPhone become more popular, new applications let people track their children or friends, and could give companies and governments access to their location.

If a disease-tracking system were launched for real, no one would be required to sign up, said Takuo Imagawa, an official at the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications.

Another concern for the experiment is how to inform people that they may be infected, even if it's just a virtual disease.

"If we don't think carefully about the nature of the warning, people that get such a message could panic," said Katsuya Uchida, a professor at the Institute of Information Security in Yokohama. Uchida serves on a board that evaluates such proposals for the government.



SAKCHAI LALIT/AP

A copy of Thailand's Daily Xpress newspaper reporting the death of actor David Carradine is seen at a newsstand in Bangkok on Friday.

Police say Carradine's death may be accidental

The Associated Press

BANGKOK — The body of American actor David Carradine, best known for the 1970s TV series "Kung Fu," was found in a hotel room closet with a rope tied to his neck and genitals, and his death may have been caused by accidental suffocation, Thai police said Friday.

The 72-year-old actor's body was discovered Thursday in his luxury suite at Bangkok's Swissotel Nai Lert Park Hotel.

Police initially said they suspected suicide, though Carradine's associates had questioned that theory.

Police Lt. Gen. Worapong Chewprecha told reporters that Carradine was found with a rope tied around his genitals and another rope around his neck.

"The two ropes were tied together," he said. "It is unclear whether he committed suicide or not or he died of suffocation or heart failure."

Thai police completed an autopsy on Carradine on Friday. But Police Col. Somprasong Yen-thum, superintendent of the Lumpini police station, which is handling the case, said results would not be ready for at least three weeks because the cause of death was unclear. He called the time lag "normal."

Dr. Nanthana Sirisap, director of Chulalongkorn Hospital's Autopsy Center, told reporters that the autopsy was conducted because of the "unusual circumstances surrounding Carradine's death," but did not elaborate.

Police Lt. Teerapong Luanseng had said Thursday that Carra-

dine's body was found "naked, hanging in a closet," and that police at the time suspected suicide.

But one of Carradine's managers dismissed the theory.

"All we can say is, we know David would never have committed suicide," said Tiffany Smith of Binder & Associates, his management company.

"We're just waiting for them to finish the investigation and find out what really happened. He really appreciated everything life has to give ... and that's not something David would ever do to himself."

Carradine had flown to Thailand last week and began work on a film titled "Stretch" two days before his death, Smith said. He had several other projects lined up after the action film, which was being directed by Charles De Meaux.

Carradine was in good spirits when he left the U.S. for Thailand on May 29 to work on "Stretch," Smith said.

Filming began Tuesday, she said, adding that the crew was devastated by Carradine's death and did not wish to speak publicly about it for the time being.

Somprasong said there was no evidence there was anyone else in the room at the time of Carradine's death.

Carradine was best known for the U.S. TV series "Kung Fu," which aired in 1972-75. He played Kwai Chang Caine, an orphan who was raised by Shaolin monks and fled China after killing the emperor's nephew in retaliation for the murder of his kung fu master.

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IN THE STATES

Census gives unemployed temporary relief

By FRANK BASS
The Associated Press

TOWNSHEND, Vt. — For weeks, Greg Noel roamed the spine of the Green Mountains with a handheld GPS unit, walking dirt roads and chatting with people as he helped create a map of every housing unit in the United States.

Work was good: The sun was out, the snow was gone and the blackflies hadn't begun to hatch. But now that work is over, and Noel, 60, and more than 60,000 other Americans hired in April to help with the 2010 census are out of work once more.

In today's economy, some 2 million people searching for full-time work have had to settle for less, and unemployment is much higher than the official rate when all the Americans who gave up looking for jobs are counted, too.

Because of the surge of hiring for the census, April unemployment only rose to 8.9 percent — a much slower increase than had been feared. Figures out today show unemployment now stands at 9.4 percent.

Vice President Joe Biden said Friday that economists had predicted larger job cuts, and that the number offered a sign the recession is starting to give way. He also said the White House plans to "ramp up" the pace of its economic recovery efforts.

But consider these numbers:

■ The 9.4-percent May unemployment rate is based on 14.5 million Americans out of work. But that number doesn't include discouraged workers: people who gave up looking for work after four weeks. Add those 792,000 people, and the unemployment



TONY TALBOT/AP

Greg Noel, 60, takes a break from a Census training session in May in Dummerston, Vt. Now that the Census work is over, Noel is again unemployed.

ment rate is 9.8 percent.

■ The official rate also doesn't include "marginally attached workers," or people who have looked for work in the past year but stopped searching in the past month because barriers such as child care, poor health or lack of transportation. Add those 1.4 million people, and the rate would be

10.6 percent.

■ The official rate also doesn't include "involuntary part-time workers," or the 2.2 million people like Noel who took a part-time job because that's all they could get, plus those whose work hours dropped below the full-time level. Once those 9.1 million workers are added to the unemploy-

"I hope something comes up. But there's not an awful lot out there."

Greg Noel

Unemployed Vermont resident

ment mix, the rate would be 16.4 percent.

All told, nearly 25 million Americans were either unemployed, underemployed or had given up looking for a job in May.

The ranks of involuntary part-timers have increased by 4.9 million in the past year, according to a May study by the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland. Many economists now predict unemployment won't peak until 2010. And employers generally increase the hours of existing workers before hiring new ones.

When the Census Bureau offered him a part-time job mapping houses nearly an hour from his Windham home, Noel jumped at it. The money, \$10 to \$25 an hour plus 55 cents per mile, was a big factor.

It hasn't been the perfect job but Noel, who formerly worked as an auditor for a family-owned food and beverage distributor, said the census job worked out well.

For now, Noel said, he looks for another job, and his wife runs Green Mountain Chef, a catering business.

Noel said he hopes to avoid being a statistic for too long. Unemployment insurance gives him about \$425 a week — enough to pay the mortgage and health insurance.

"I hope something comes up," he said. "But there's not an awful lot out there."



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SEC: Countrywide ex-CEO knew of 'toxic' loans

Suit alleges Mozilo hid knowledge of bad debt while reaping \$140M in profits

By JIM PUZZANGHERA
AND E. SCOTT RECKARD
Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — Regulators took on the mortgage industry's best-known figure Thursday, accusing former Countrywide Financial Corp. chief executive Angelo Mozilo of hiding his alarm about risky loans the company was making at the height of the housing boom while he was reaping nearly \$140 million in profits on stock sales.

In a fraud and insider-trading lawsuit against Mozilo, the Securities and Exchange Commission quotes e-mails in which the executive derided certain Countrywide loan products as "toxic" and "poison" more than three years ago — well before "toxic debt" entered the popular lexicon as the cause of

the housing crash and the resulting global financial crisis and deep recession.

"In all my years in the business I have never seen a more toxic product," Mozilo said in an April 2006 message, cited in the suit, about Countrywide's loans requiring no down payments from borrowers with abysmal credit. "Frankly, I consider that product line to be the poison of ours."

But Mozilo never advised shareholders just how lax the nation's No. 1 mortgage lender's standards had become, according to the lawsuit, filed



Mozilo

in federal court in Los Angeles.

The suit also accuses David Sambol, Countrywide's former president, and Eric Sieracki, the lender's former chief financial officer, of defrauding Countrywide shareholders.

"In the end, these former Countrywide executives made deliberate decisions to mislead investors," Robert Khuzami, a former federal prosecutor brought in by SEC Chairwoman Mary Schapiro in February to toughen the agency's enforcement division, said at a news conference in Washington. "They made investors their last priority."

Lawyers for Mozilo, Sambol and Sieracki vehemently denied wrongdoing by their clients, suggested the e-mails were taken out of context and called the suit a political response to outrage over the government's

failure to prevent the mortgage meltdown that began in late 2007 and the economic pain that has followed.

"The lawsuit filed today by the SEC does not reflect a balanced or fair consideration of the facts or the law," David Siegel, a lawyer for Mozilo, said, denying that the executive "knew about some undisclosed risk."

Walter Brown, a lawyer for Sambol, said the SEC had "no case" because Countrywide made "detailed credit risk disclosures."

Shirli Weiss, an attorney for Sieracki, said the former finance chief "did not violate any securities laws and committed no fraud on anyone. Countrywide's stock performance was intricately tied to the fortunes of the real estate and the secondary market for loans. All investors knew this."

Holder requests release of Alaska legislators

WASHINGTON — Attorney General Eric Holder has found prosecution missteps in the convictions of two Alaska officials — and has asked they be released from prison.

Holder is asking a federal appeals court to send the cases of former Alaska state representatives Victor Kohring and Peter

Kott, back to the trial judge, because prosecutors again failed to turn over key evidence to the defense.

Similar problems negated the conviction of former Sen. Ted Stevens, an Alaska Republican.

In announcing the move Thursday, the Justice Department said it is also asking the appeals court to release the two men on their own recognizance.

Kohring was convicted in November 2007 of bribery and

extortion-related charges and sentenced in 2008 to three years in prison. Kott was also convicted in 2007 and sentenced to six years in prison.

Park Service won't seize land for 9/11 memorial

SOMERSET, Pa. — The federal government backtracked Friday and decided not to seize the western Pennsylvania prop-

erty needed to build a Flight 93 memorial, saying it would renew negotiations with landowners.

Interior Secretary Ken Salazar and U.S. Sen. Arlen Specter, D-Pa., met Friday with people who own the land where the hijacked flight crashed on Sept. 11, 2001. The meeting came a month after the National Park Service announced that negotiations for the land were unsuccessful and they would use eminent domain.

The government has said it

wants the memorial built by the attacks' 10th anniversary.

Landowners will receive fair-market value for their property, Salazar said.

The announcement, though, doesn't take eminent domain completely off the table. The government said it still has the option to use it, but will do so only as a last resort.

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Lawyer: Extremists poisoned suspect in recruiter killing

Alleged shooter was misled in Yemeni jail, attorney says

By JON GAMBRELL
The Associated Press

NORTH LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — The man accused of fatally shooting a soldier outside a recruiting center begged for FBI agents to free him from a Yemeni jail where he was "radicalized" by Islamic terrorists, his lawyer told The Associated Press on Thursday.

Lawyer Jim Hensley described Abdulhakim Muhammad as an impressionable youth driven to public service in Yemen. But teachings by "hardened" terrorists there and experiences with Afghan child refugees drove him to change, Hensley said.

"Here comes the FBI, who may be able to help this guy or save his life, and then they leave and then he's got to go back in with these hardened terrorists. He's got to survive; how do you live with that?" Hensley asked. "He absolutely feels that the FBI and anyone else associated with the United States government left him to the wolves, that's for certain."

The FBI referred calls to a spokesman who was not in his office Thursday. Pulaski County

Prosecutor Larry Jegley did not immediately respond to a call for comment.

Muhammad has pleaded not guilty to a capital murder charge in the death Monday of Pvt. William Long. Another soldier, Pvt. Quinton I. Ezeagwula, was wounded in the attack.

Gov. Mike Beebe directed that flags fly at half-staff on Monday to honor Long.

Beebe said on his monthly radio show Friday that Arkansans should honor Long, whose funeral is set for Monday. Long will be buried at the Arkansas State Veterans Cemetery in North Little Rock.

Muhammad appeared in a Little Rock courtroom Friday morning to have a defense attorney formally appointed to his case.

Hensley said Muhammad was a college student in Tennessee and left early to pursue volunteer

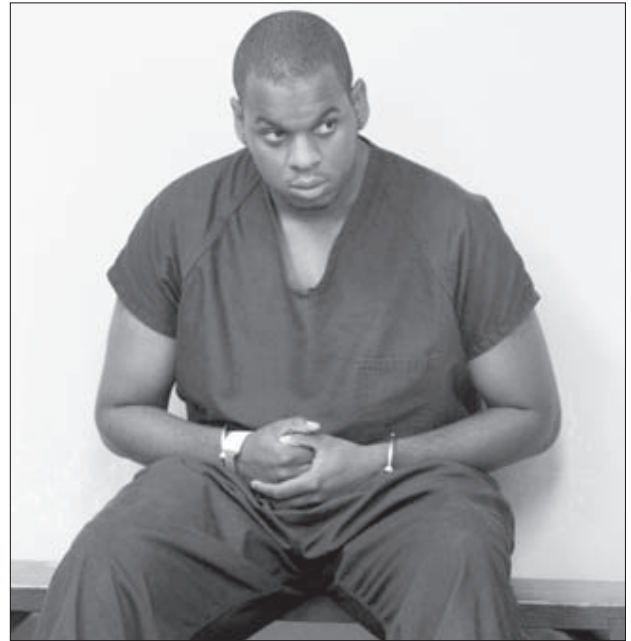
work teaching English to children in Yemen.

While in Yemen, Hensley said Muhammad married and converted to Islam. Police detained him after his visa expired, Hensley said. A law enforcement official previously told the AP that Muhammad was arrested and jailed for using a Somali passport. Hensley said he knew nothing about the incident, and that his client's wife remains in Yemen.

Hensley said an FBI agent from the Nashville, Tenn., field office visited Muhammad while he was in prison. The lawyer said the agent wanted only to question him about his links to possible terrorists.

Muhammad spent four months in the prison before U.S. Rep. Steve Cohen, D-Tenn., was able to intercede with the State Department on his behalf, Hensley said. While in prison, Muhammad faced torture and beatings from jailers, prisoners or both that left him scarred, the lawyer said.

Muhammad returned to Tennessee a different man, unable to sleep, Hensley said. The FBI visited him there, warning that he remained under surveillance and



DANNY JOHNSTON/AP

Abdulhakim Muhammad, 23, of Little Rock, Ark., waits in one of the city's courtrooms Tuesday, where he was charged in the death of a military recruiter outside the Army-Navy Career Center.

was seen as a possible threat, the lawyer said.

Hensley described Muhammad as a smart young man who once played high school football. However, the lawyer said he knew nothing about Muhammad's 2004 arrest in Knoxville on weapons charges. Muhammad, then known as Carlos Bledsoe, was found in a car with an SKS rifle that had five rounds in a clip and one round in the rifle's chamber.

Officers also found a sawed-off shotgun, another shotgun, an ounce of marijuana, a switchblade knife and two shotgun shells inside the vehicle.

Muhammad faced weapons and drug charges after the arrest, though court records show prosecutors filed only a single misdemeanor charge against him. That charge was dismissed four months later.

Suspect in abortion provider's shooting grateful for prayers

Scott Roeder makes a court appearance via a video link Tuesday from the Sedgwick County Jail in Wichita, Kan. Roeder has been charged with first-degree murder in the death of late-term abortion provider Dr. George Tiller.

JAIME OPPENHIMER/AP



By ROXANA HEGEMAN
The Associated Press

WICHITA, Kan. — The man accused of shooting a Kansas abortion provider to death as he handed out programs at a Sunday church service said he appreciates the prayers said for him and his family in the wake of his arrest.

"I haven't been convicted of anything and I am being treated as a criminal," Scott Roeder said Thursday. He called The Associated Press from the Sedgwick County Jail in response to a written request for an interview.

The 51-year-old Kansas City, Mo., man was charged Tuesday with first-degree murder for allegedly killing Tiller with a single gunshot while the doctor served as an usher at the Lutheran church he attended in Wichita. Roeder also is accused of assaulting two witnesses before leaving

the church and driving away. He was arrested a few hours later.

When asked by the AP to discuss the Tiller shooting, Roeder refused to comment, saying he would talk about that later.

In the three-minute telephone conversation, Roeder also disputed what he called "broad brush" characterizations of him as being anti-government.

"I want people to stop and think: It is not anti-government; it is anti-corrupt government," he said. He said he was concerned about how the media attention was affecting his family, particularly his elderly mother.

"I appreciate your prayers," said Roeder, who has a preliminary court hearing scheduled for June 16. District Judge Warren Wilbert set bond at \$5 million Thursday, reversing a decision to deny bond.

Dan Monnat, the Tiller family attorney, declined to comment on Roeder's statements.

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Photo adds new angle on Tiananmen moment

By MATT SURMAN
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — As tanks clattered across Beijing's Tiananmen Square and onlookers shrieked and stumbled from a volley of gun shots, then-Associated Press reporter Terril Jones snapped a photo he didn't think much of at the time.

In the foreground one man runs, and another ducks as he reacts to the sounds of gunfire. But, it is a man, appearing to walk calmly in the distance, small but clear, who stands out now, 20 years after the Chinese government's bloody crackdown on democracy protesters.

The newly released picture is a different angle on an image that has since become iconic: He is the lone man who moments later on June 5, 1989, would be captured by photographers from above standing before a line of tanks in the vast square.

"You see how far this man is from the approaching tanks. He clearly was positioning himself in a calculated way," Jones said. "He didn't just dart out in front

of these tanks — he stood there waiting for them."

After snapping the shot, Jones and hundreds of other people scattered from the square.

Back at the office, photo editors chose what they wanted to transmit. They already had a photo of the man facing off with a line of tanks.

Jones didn't realize until months or even a year after he took the photo who the man was, and even then, it didn't occur to him that anyone would be interested in his view from the ground.

But, with the media coverage of the 20th anniversary of the crackdown, he thought the world should finally see it.

"You really see this man standing stalwartly, staring down these approaching tanks as all the people around him are fleeing for their very lives," he said.

"What I see in my picture is this one man — but he's clearing a path for all these people to get away."



TERRIL JONES/AP

In this photo taken on June 5, 1989, and made available for the first time on Thursday, three unidentified men flee the scene as a Chinese man, background left, stands alone to block a line of approaching tanks in Beijing's Tiananmen Square.



TV Listing

Central Europe	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
12:00 AM	This Week in the Pentagon	Special Event Encore	Special Event Encore	Special Event Encore	Special Event Encore	Special Event Encore	-
12:30 AM	Army Newswatch	This Week in the Pentagon	Grill Sergeants, The	This Week in the Pentagon	Recon	Downrange	Grill Sergeants, The
01:00 AM	Fit for Duty	Fit for Duty	Fit for Duty	Fit for Duty	Fit for Duty	Fit for Duty	Fit for Duty
01:30 AM	Downrange	Around the Services	Around the Services	Around the Services	Around the Services	Around the Services	This Week in the Pentagon
02:00 AM	-	Recon	Recon Revisited	FNG	Recon Revisited	Recon Revisited	USARJ This Week
02:30 AM	-	State Department Daily Briefing	State Department Daily Briefing	State Department Daily Briefing	State Department Daily Briefing	Grill Sergeants, The	FNG
03:00 AM	Fit for Duty	Fit for Duty	Fit for Duty	Fit for Duty	Fit for Duty	Fit for Duty	Fit for Duty
03:30 AM	FNG	AFN Europe Report	AFN Europe Report	AFN Europe Report	AFN Europe Report	AFN Europe Report	Battleground
03:45 AM	-	Pacific Report	Pacific Report	Pacific Report	Pacific Report	Pacific Report	-
04:00 AM	This Week in the Pentagon	This Week in the Pentagon	Recon	Grill Sergeants, The	Sun City Soldier	This Week in the Pentagon	Recon Revisited
04:30 AM	Fit for Duty	Fit for Duty	Fit for Duty	Fit for Duty	Fit for Duty	Fit for Duty	Fit for Duty
05:00 AM	Battleground	Battleground	Battleground	Battleground	Battleground	Battleground	Battleground
05:30 AM	EXchange On Air	Around the Services	Around the Services	Around the Services	Around the Services	Around the Services	Today's Air Force
06:00 AM	All Hands TV	Special Event Encore	Special Event Encore	Special Event Encore	Special Event Encore	Special Event Encore	FNG
06:30 AM	This Week in the Pentagon	Downrange	Downrange	Downrange	Downrange	Downrange	Army Newswatch
07:00 AM	Recon Revisited	FNG	AFN Europe Report	AFN Europe Report	AFN Europe Report	AFN Europe Report	AFN Europe Report
07:15 AM	-	-	Pacific Report	Pacific Report	Pacific Report	Pacific Report	Pacific Report
07:30 AM	American Veteran, The	Recon	EXchange On Air	Recon	Balad and Beyond	Recon Revisited	Grill Sergeants, The
08:00 AM	Fit for Duty	Fit for Duty	Fit for Duty	Fit for Duty	Fit for Duty	Fit for Duty	Fit for Duty
08:30 AM	Battleground	Battleground	Battleground	Battleground	Battleground	Battleground	Battleground
09:00 AM	This Week in the Pentagon	Tour of Duty	Today's Air Force	American Veteran, The	Grill Sergeants, The	Army Newswatch	Ft Hood On Track
09:30 AM	Army Newswatch	This Week in the Pentagon	Recon	Recon Revisited	Recon	EXchange On Air	This Week in the Pentagon
10:00 AM	Grill Sergeants, The	VA News	Around the Services	Around the Services	Around the Services	Around the Services	Recon
10:15 AM	-	Pacific Report	-	-	-	-	-
10:30 AM	Sun City Soldier	Downrange	Downrange	Downrange	Downrange	Downrange	Recon Revisited
11:00 AM	Recon	EXchange On Air	This Week in the Pentagon	Ft Hood On Track	This Week in the Pentagon	Today's Air Force	Army Newswatch
11:30 AM	FNG	Army Newswatch	All Hands TV	Today's Air Force	American Veteran, The	All Hands TV	This Week in the Pentagon
12:00 PM	Today's Air Force	Special Event Encore	Special Event Encore	Special Event Encore	Special Event Encore	Special Event Encore	Grill Sergeants, The
12:30 PM	Fit for Duty	Fit for Duty	Fit for Duty	Fit for Duty	Fit for Duty	Fit for Duty	Fit for Duty
01:00 PM	Battleground	Battleground	Battleground	Battleground	Battleground	Battleground	Battleground
01:30 PM	Recon Revisited	Recon	Recon Revisited	Recon	Recon Revisited	Recon Revisited	Balad and Beyond
02:00 PM	This Week in the Pentagon	This Week in the Pentagon	Around the Services	Around the Services	Around the Services	Around the Services	All Hands TV
02:30 PM	National Guard News	Grill Sergeants, The	Pacific Report	Pacific Report	Pacific Report	Pacific Report	Pacific Report
02:45 PM	-	-	AFN Europe Report	AFN Europe Report	AFN Europe Report	AFN Europe Report	AFN Europe Report
03:00 PM	Around the Services	Special Event Encore	Special Event Encore	Special Event Encore	Special Event Encore	Special Event Encore	Army Newswatch
03:30 PM	Around the Services	Recon Revisited	USARJ This Week	This Week in the Pentagon	Grill Sergeants, The	All Hands TV	Today's Air Force
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05:00 PM	Around the Services	Pacific Report	This Week in the Pentagon	EXchange On Air	This Week in the Pentagon	Recon	FNG
05:15 PM	-	AFN Europe Report	-	-	-	-	-
05:30 PM	Fit for Duty	Fit for Duty	Fit for Duty	Fit for Duty	Fit for Duty	Fit for Duty	Fit for Duty
06:00 PM	Benning Report, The	Grill Sergeants, The	Recon	Today's Air Force	American Veteran, The	Grill Sergeants, The	Around the Services
06:30 PM	Grill Sergeants, The	Around the Services	Around the Services	Around the Services	Around the Services	Around the Services	Around the Services
07:00 PM	VA News	Downrange	Downrange	Downrange	Downrange	Downrange	Around the Services
07:15 PM	Pacific Report	-	-	-	-	-	-
07:30 PM	This Week in the Pentagon	All Hands TV	Today's Air Force	This Week in the Pentagon	All Hands TV	AFN Europe Report	Around the Services
07:45 PM	-	-	-	-	-	Pacific Report	-
08:00 PM	Army Newswatch	Recon	Recon Revisited	Grill Sergeants, The	Recon Revisited	EXchange On Air	Around the Services
08:30 PM	FNG	State Department Daily Briefing	State Department Daily Briefing	State Department Daily Briefing	State Department Daily Briefing	State Department Daily Briefing	1st Air Force Now
09:00 PM	Battleground	Battleground	Battleground	Battleground	Battleground	Battleground	Battleground
09:30 PM	Today's Air Force	Around the Services	Around the Services	Around the Services	Around the Services	Around the Services	National Guard News
10:00 PM	Recon	Today's Air Force	Army Newswatch	All Hands TV	Ft Hood On Track	This Week in the Pentagon	This Week in the Pentagon
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DORIE TURNER/AP

DeKalb County, Ga., residents protest a proposed Marine Corps academy on Monday during a school board meeting in Atlanta.

Military-backed public schools on the rise

Some say academies are recruiting tools; others say they give at-risk kids a chance

BY DORIE TURNER
The Associated Press

ATLANTA — The U.S. Marine Corps is wooing public school districts across the country, expanding a network of military academies that has grown steadily despite criticism that it's a recruiting ploy.

The Marines are talking with at least six districts about opening schools where every student wears a uniform, participates in Junior ROTC and takes military classes, said Bill McHenry, who runs the Junior ROTC program for the Marines.

Those schools would be on top of more than a dozen public military academies that have already opened nationwide, a trend that's picking up speed as the U.S. Department of Defense looks for ways to increase the number of units in Junior ROTC, which stands for Reserve Officers Training Corps.

"Many kids in our country don't get a fair shake. Many kids live in war zones. Many kids who are bright and have so much potential and so much to offer, all they need to be given is a chance," McHenry said. "If you look at stats, what we're doing now isn't working."

Last year, Congress passed a defense policy bill that included a call for increasing the number of Junior ROTC units across the country from 3,400 to 3,700 in the next 11 years, an effort that will cost about \$170 million, Defense Department spokeswoman Eileen M. Lainez said. The process will go faster by opening military academies, which count as four or

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Mike Hearington
Vietnam War veteran who opposes public military schools

more units, McHenry said.

Other military branches also are aiming to increase their presence in school hallways, but the Marines are leading the charge.

In DeKalb County, which includes part of Atlanta, protests by parents and threats of lawsuits began almost as soon as the school board announced last year that it planned to open a Marine Corps high school. The district hopes to open the school in fall 2010.

Critics like Mike Hearington, a 56-year-old Vietnam War veteran, say the schools are breeding grounds for the military. "To pursue children like they are is criminal in my mind," Hearington said.

Between 5 percent and 10 percent of graduating seniors from the nation's public military schools end up enlisting, according to an Associated Press review of the majority of the schools' records. About 3 percent of all new high school graduates join the military, according to the U.S. Department of Education.

Mixed test results

Philadelphia Military Academy at Elverson

MATH — More than 70 percent of 11th graders scored at the basic level or better on the state math test in 2008, compared to a district average of 41 percent.

READING — 88 percent met standards, compared to 58 percent districtwide.

Source: The Associated Press

Public military schools in Chicago

OVERALL — Just 27 percent met standards in 2008 compared to the district average of 60 percent and the state average of 74 percent.

At Carver Military Academy in Chicago, just 8 percent of students passed muster on state tests.

Proponents say the academies aren't recruiting tools but focus on discipline, ethics and civics, giving at-risk teens a place where they can flourish to help battle the country's high school dropout rate of one in four kids.

"The whole notion behind this is that there is so much literature out there and myth that kids from low socio-economic levels can't learn and won't learn," said DeKalb County Schools Superintendent Crawford Lewis. "We are partnering with the Marines to show if we come together and do this right, we will debunk that whole stereotype."

The first public military school in the U.S. opened in Richmond, Va., in 1980. Since then, about a dozen have been added as struggling districts look for innovative ways to meet federal No Child Left Behind standards.

In DeKalb County, the school

"For the right child, these schools are a lifesaver."

Arne Duncan
U.S. Education Secretary

district would get about \$500,000 a year plus \$14 million in startup funds from the Marines, Lewis said. The school would open with 150 cadets, growing eventually to about 650 drawn from a pool of low-performing students who

have high test scores and want to attend, Lewis said. The academy would be much like a typical high school, except students would wear ROTC uniforms and start each day with a military formation and inspection.

In Chicago, the nation's third-largest public school district began opening military academies in 1999 with encouragement from Mayor Richard Daley and then-Superintendent Paul Vallas. Vallas left in 2002 and took the idea with him to Philadelphia, where two military schools have since opened.

Chicago has six public military academies and is the only district with schools representing all four branches of the military.

For Brenda Hernandez, who will be in the first graduating class at Rickover Naval Academy in Chicago on Wednesday, the op-

portunity let her avoid the gang-ridden schools in her neighborhood. The 17-year-old commutes an hour each way by bus and train. She credits the school with helping her shake her shy nature through one-on-one attention from teachers and ample extracurricular activities. "I've come out of my shell more," said Hernandez, who plans to attend DePaul University in the fall to major in business. "I can be more outspoken and confident in what I do."

School districts in St. Louis; Sarasota, Fla.; Kenosha, Wis.; Sandy Hook, N.J.; Charleston Heights, S.C., and Forestville, Md., also have started similar academies with the U.S. Department of Defense.

The academies have the support of U.S. Education Secretary Arne Duncan, who sees the schools as another option for kids who don't fit well in a traditional educational setting. "For the right child, these schools are a lifesaver," Duncan said.

Mary Ann Hernandez, mother of soon-to-be Rickover graduate Brenda Hernandez, enrolled her daughter because the regular public school in her Chicago neighborhood isn't as academically challenging. She said she's proudly watched as her daughter took Advanced Placement and honors courses and became a leader on the drill and color guard squads.

"It's been an incredible experience for her and for us," the mother said. "I saw it as an opportunity to get a better education for my daughter."

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Neil Patrick Harris prepares to host Tonys

for a night

Ask Neil Patrick Harris how he sees his job as host of the 2009 Tony Awards, and the star of TV's "How I Met Your Mother" says judiciously, "ringmaster at the circus — I want to be strong enough to earn your trust, but be able to allow all the specialty acts to shine."

And this year's ceremony, televised live stateside Sunday night from Radio City Music Hall, is packed with enough entertainment to keep its host very busy indeed.

Star performances will be abundant: from Elton John and the cast of "Billy Elliot" to Dolly Parton and the folks from "9 to 5." Eclectic, too: from Liza Minnelli to the 1980s hair-metal band Poison celebrating with the cast of "Rock of Ages." Plus, of course, scenes from the nominated best musicals and best musical revivals.

And we haven't even gotten to the list of celebrity presenters that will include such names as Nicole Kidman, Anne Hathaway, David Hyde Pierce, Jessica Lange, Frank Langella and Kevin Spacey. When will there be time for thank-you speeches?

"I certainly never thought this would be in the cards," Harris says of his Sunday gig. "All of a sudden it came into my world, and I was ecstatic."

"It's the biggest night on Broadway, and to be able to helm the ship is amazing. I get an all-access pass. It will be the best seat in the house."

Harris comes to the Tony job with some experience. He had good notices hosting the 2009 TV Land Awards in April and he's done similar work for the Writers Guild, various magic organizations (Harris is a magic buff) and the Ovation

Awards, Los Angeles' theater prizes.

BT McNicholl, who put Harris into the Roundabout Theatre Company revival of "Cabaret" in 2003, says Harris' interest in magic will help the actor with his Tony duties.

"Neil is a first-rate magician," says McNicholl, associate director of "Cabaret." "And I think the timing and concentration that are required of people who successfully practice sleight of hand has served him well in the theater. He knows how to keep an audience's attention and focus it in all the right ways."

"Plus, Neil has a very warm and appealing presence, not to mention a sense of comic timing that goes back to the greats of yesteryear. It's in his bones."

For those who only know the 35-year-old Harris as the womanizing Barney Stinson on his current CBS sitcom or from his breakout TV role as "Doogie Howser, M.D.," the actor's theater career may come as a surprise.

"I suppose the Tonys will show them that I am knowledgeable in the theater," Harris says. "But I am not out to show anyone that I am theater-worthy."

"Quite frankly, I am happy if the people who are watching in middle America think that I am the guy from 'How I Met Your Mother.' But what I am passionate about, in person, is theater."

— Michael Kuchwara/The Associated Press



AP photos

Neil Patrick Harris is anything but typecast. On TV, he plays womanizing Barney Stinson on "How I Met Your Mother." At left, he appeared as the androgynous, flamboyant master of ceremonies in a production of "Cabaret."

Jolie takes Oprah's spot atop Forbes top 100 list

Angelina Jolie has dethroned Oprah Winfrey as the world's most powerful celebrity, according to Forbes.

The actress grabbed the No. 1 spot from the talk show queen on the magazine's annual Celebrity 100 list, which ranks the rich and famous based on media exposure and career earnings over the past year.

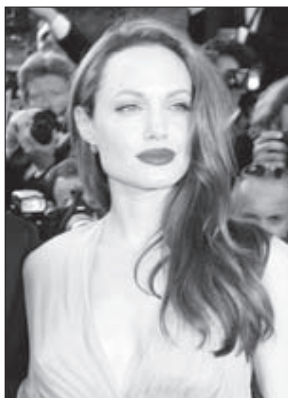
Jolie, a reigning tabloid fixture, earned \$27 million, bumping her up from third place on last year's list, Forbes said, adding that she wields more power due to high-profile turns in hit films such as "Wanted" and "Kung Fu Panda."

At No. 2, Winfrey is still the highest earner — \$275 million.

Madonna came in third, trailed by Beyonce, Tiger Woods, Bruce Springsteen and Steven Spielberg. Jennifer Aniston, Brad Pitt and NBA superstar Kobe Bryant.

At No. 49, President Barack Obama becomes the first sitting head of state to make the list.

Justin Timberlake, Jennifer Lopez, Johnny Depp and Tyra Banks dropped off the list.



AP

Angelina Jolie has knocked Oprah Winfrey off her Forbes' Celebrity 100 pedestal.

Houston album date set

The date for Whitney Houston's comeback has been set.

Arista Records says her long-awaited album will be released Sept. 1. Houston hasn't released a CD in seven years.

The 45-year-old superstar is one of the best-selling artists of all time, but in recent years, she's been defined more by drug problems, marital woes and erratic behavior.

Cohen sued over 'Bruno' shenanigans

Sacha Baron Cohen's new movie is already getting the same sort of buzz and legal backlash that came with his last hit. This time, though, a woman is alleging physical injuries.

Richelle Olson sued the 37-year-old actor-comedian and NBC Universal on May 22, claiming an incident at a charity bingo tournament filmed for the upcoming "Bruno" left her disabled.

Olson claims she was severely injured after struggling with Baron Cohen and his film crew at the event in Palmdale, Calif.,

two years ago. The lawsuit says she now needs to use a wheelchair or cane.

The lawsuit seeks unspecified damages of more than \$25,000.

Baron Cohen's 2006 film "Borat: Cultural Learnings of America for Make Benefit Glorious Nation of Kazakhstan" produced numerous lawsuits.

Eminem 'thrilled' by stunt

Eminem says he knew full well what he was about to face at the MTV Movie Awards — including Sacha Baron Cohen's bare butt.

Eminem told the Web site RapRadar.com that the much-talked-about stunt was all rehearsed, right down to Eminem's mock disgust. Says the rapper: "I'm thrilled that we pulled this off better than we rehearsed it."

Eminem says when he left the show, he went back to his hotel and laughed for three hours.

The rapper calls himself a "big fan" of Baron Cohen, who he said approached him about the gag while he was in Europe.

At Sunday's live show, the comedian descended from the ceiling on a wire in a fake mishap that ended with his bare hindquarters in Eminem's face.

Boyle released from clinic

The brother of talent-show contestant Susan Boyle says the singer has left a mental health care facility and is doing better.

Gerry Boyle told GMTV Friday that his



RapRadar.com

Eminem, left, and Sacha Baron Cohen, dressed as the character Bruno, pose May 31 before the MTV Music Awards.

sister had been released from the London clinic. She was admitted Sunday, after coming in second place in the "Britain's Got Talent" television show.

Gerry Boyle says his sister suffered from an anxiety attack but now seems "a lot more like herself."

Cher sues for royalties

Cher has sued Universal Music Group, claiming the company owes her and Sonny Bono's heirs more than \$5 million.

The lawsuit filed Tuesday claims Cher and Bono's widow and children are owed royalties on songs that were included in recent greatest-hits compilations. The suit also states UMG has not provided records to show how much is owed.

— The Associated Press

Walter Scott's Personality PARADE®

Q Is it true that Yusuf, the singer who used to be known as Cat Stevens, is suing the British band Coldplay for plagiarism? — Al, York, Pa.

A "I'm not looking for a big payout and haven't filed a suit," Yusuf tells us. "But my son noticed similar chord progressions and melody between my 'Foreigner Suite' and Coldplay's 'Viva La Vida.'" Coldplay is being sued by Joe Satriani for allegedly lifting part of his "If I Could Fly" but calls any similarity "coincidental." Yusuf jokes: "Frankly, I think Satriani's song sounds a lot like mine, too. Maybe I should sue him and get it all."

Q Are country stars Blake Shelton and Miranda Lambert engaged? — L.E., Tomball, Texas

A "No," Lambert tells us, "but we've been dating seriously since 2006. Blake always keeps me laughing, which is so important in a relationship." He'll have to be a long-distance funnyman over the summer, since Lambert will be out on tour with Kenny Chesney.

Q I've heard that George Eads, "CSI's" resident hunk, will be having back surgery. True? — Kathy Hertz, Bloomington, Ind.

A He already had it. "I'm feeling much better now," says Eads, who had a herniated disc. "I'll be ready to work when shooting for our 10th season begins in July."

Q Why is Suri Cruise always beautifully turned out while Shiloh Jolie-Pitt looks more like a regular kid? — J. Becker, Brandon, Fla.

A We attribute the contrast to different parenting styles. Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes enjoy lavishing Suri with high fashion and princessy parties. Brangelina's brood reflect their parents' more casual, global-vagabond lifestyle. Happily, both 3-year-olds are showered with love, which is all that really matters.

Q At 84, I'll be swimming in the National Senior Games and would be inspired to know if "America's Mermaid," Esther Williams, still swims. — Jane McIntyre, Eden, N.C.

A Every day. "Swimming is the only sport in which you are ageless and weightless," says the star of MGM's popular midcentury aqua-musicals. "My solar-heated pool is a favorite party spot for our family, especially my young granddaughters." Williams, 87, who's had a line of swimwear for decades, lives in Beverly Hills with her fourth husband, Edward Bell.

Miranda Lambert and Blake Shelton, who performed "It Ain't Cool to Be Crazy About You" April 6 in Las Vegas, must not agree with the lyrics — they're still dating.



Kyra Sedgwick has all the flexibility one would need to hawk orange juice.

Q My wife insists that Kyra Sedgwick uses a dance double in her new orange juice commercial. I say she did the moves herself. — Cary Walker, Canton, Ohio

A "Kyra does a lot of yoga, so she's very flexible," says Keith Young, who choreo-



Yusuf (above), formerly known as the singer Cat Stevens, thinks Coldplay (at left) has a hit song that sounds awfully familiar.

graphed the ad. "She did all the dancing, doing the final split over and over." Just in case, Broadway dancer Kim Craven also did that move, and the end result is so seamless that even the choreographer, a former Twyla Tharp dancer, can't tell whose legs are whose.

Q When the movie "Hotel for Dogs" came out this year, the ads promised that part of the proceeds from ticket sales would go to support animal shelters. How much money was raised? — Cathy Dubish, Boise, Idaho

A The film, starring Julia Roberts' niece, Emma, delivered on its promise. Or, rather, Pedigree did. The pet-food company is donating a cool \$250,000 to animal shelters and breed-rescue groups. Incidentally, many of the movie's 70 canines, including its terrier star, Cosmo, were rescued themselves. See photos of stars and their pets at Parade.com/pets



Suri Cruise (left) gets all the goodies that wealthy celebrities' money can buy from parents Katie Holmes and Tom Cruise.

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Here are just a few of the clever canines who starred in "Hotel for Dogs," which found homes for many of its rescue animals.

Sunday Horoscope

You never know where your next inspiration will come from under the full moon in Sagittarius. Being open to new experiences is what the Sagittarius moon is about, and if those experiences happen in a different neighborhood — or country for that matter — all the better. Whatever occurs, you will perceive the world differently as a result.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (JUNE 7). Your ambitions lead you to daring feats — like introducing yourself to the people you want to know instead of waiting around for the right protocol. That's why you make friends in high places this year. July brings love. You'll capitalize on your talents and bring in big money in August. Travel and moves happen next May. Libra and Aries adore you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You are at least 10 percent more perceptive about your environment, including and especially the characters around you. A new sense of curiosity guides you, adding depth to your encounters.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Unlike some people, you can find amusement in ordinary things and don't need to be constantly, overtly entertained by life. The person who can appreciate you for this quality is a true friend.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Unplanned moments are exhilarating. They can only happen when you agree to go along for the ride, though. You're good at following your impulses and you'll get the best kind of attention for it.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Recall that time when you felt so powerful, like there was nothing standing between you and your glorious destiny that couldn't be blown out like a candle. You are that powerful again today.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You have fantastic ideas and others will do well to listen up. Of course, they don't have to, and they might not. The ones who follow you are your sup-

portive team members, so don't even worry about the rest.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). If you find yourself getting overly irritated with your next of kin, just know that it's normal. You're probably expecting of them the same standards you set for yourself, which may not, in reality, be reasonable.

Holiday Mathis



LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your job requires you to think fast. But it's the opposite skill that will help you in your personal life. Take your time and ponder where a loved one is coming from. Don't jump to conclusions — walk to them in slow motion.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You are a master at keeping secrets and today's happenings only prove your command of the skill. Some will be challenged by your silence and will try to solve the puzzle, but you are always one step ahead.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll be creating things for a group of people. Whether it's food, a story or a cozy environment, do it to your own liking. For instance, cook what you would want to eat and others will just love it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The big picture and the little picture line up in obvious ways — the social issues you care about emerge on a personal level. This helps you figure out a solution that anyone can apply.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You will reach a beautiful, cheerful mood eventually. First, you have to get over your frustration with someone close. Cut yourself some slack and it will suddenly be easy to do the same for your loved one.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your schedule for the upcoming week errs on the side of being impossible. There are so many little details to remember! Here's a stress reliever: Sit down and make a few helpful lists to guide you along the way.

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New husband clings tightly to his old bachelor habits

Dear Abby: "Ralph" and I have been married a little over a year. It's the second marriage for both of us. We were both single for six years after our divorces, so we had time to become independent.

Ralph still spends his evenings and weekends the way he did when he was a bachelor. He stays in the garage and watches TV alone. We have talked about it, set up family time, and even bought the large-screen TV he wanted for the living room, but still he hides out in the garage. He comes in only to eat and use the bathroom.

I know Ralph loves me and our new family, but this is causing strain. I have two children from my last marriage, and the younger one feels deeply hurt because my husband spends no time with him. What can I do? I feel alone in this marriage.

— **Alone And Lonely in Indiana**

Dear Alone And Lonely: You ARE alone in this marriage. If you married Ralph thinking you could change the way he acted as a bachelor, that you would have companionship and your children would have an attentive father, you may have married the wrong man. If Ralph was happy and at ease, he would not be hiding out

in the garage.

Before this goes any further, you and he need to have another frank talk because the status quo is not fair to you or the children. If it doesn't work, then it's time for family counseling, if only so your children won't blame themselves for your husband's shortcomings.

Dear Abby



However, I don't expect him to change and neither should you. This is the way he was before you married him, and a leopard doesn't change his spots.

Dear Abby: I have an issue with my husband and can't seem to get my point across. He refuses to wear a seat belt. He says it's uncomfortable, and he hates when he pulls it too quickly and it gets caught. I have asked him repeatedly to wear it, not only because he could get a ticket, but also for his own safety.

My car has an alarm on it, so if you don't buckle up, it beeps. He goes as far as buckling the belt behind him so it will stop. I have tried everything from explaining the safety hazards to telling him he can no longer drive my car if he can't drive safely. What can I do to make him buckle up?

— **Frustrated in Alabama**

Dear Frustrated: Seat belts

save lives, and that's why seat belt laws were passed. Your husband is a grown man, presumably of sound mind. You can't "make" him do anything he doesn't want to do. You can, however, refuse to ride with him if he doesn't comply — and that's what I'm recommending.

Dear Abby: My fiancé insists upon asking our server's name if it is not offered when she approaches our table. I am insulted that he even cares. Personally, I do not want him asking for another woman's name in my presence. I find it rude.

He, on the other hand, thinks it's rude if the server does not introduce herself. Who is right?

— **Nameless in Grand Prairie, Texas**

Dear Nameless: In most of the better dining establishments it is a matter of policy that the server introduce him- or herself when a party is seated. If that doesn't happen, then it is perfectly acceptable — and, indeed, advisable — for the guest to ask the server's name. Doing so ensures that if something is needed at the table, the diner does not have to say "Hey, you" to get the server's attention.

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Type dirty to me: Woman busted 'sexting' other guy

A couple years ago, I "met" a guy online, and we started e-mailing and "sexting" (sending sexy texts via cellphone). We decided to meet, but he canceled. I figured he was married, and dropped it.

Within a few months, his sexts were popping up again. Five months ago, I met my boyfriend. The other guy was sexting me about once a month. I got a naughty thrill from messaging back. But, as my feelings for my boyfriend intensified, my thrill morphed into disgust.

I'd delete the evidence and pledge not to do it again. Well, he sexted me last week, I sexted back, forgot to erase it, and my boyfriend saw it on my phone (by freak coincidence, not snooping).

Not only is he still scarred from his ex-wife's cheating, my texts to this guy were similar to those I'd sent him.

So, I pretty much ruined that thrill for him, and destroyed his trust. I immediately expunged the other guy from my life. My boyfriend left for three hours, then returned, saying we've invested too much to walk away. He tells me to stop apologizing, but I want to flog myself and hurt as

much as I've hurt him.

— **Punishment Glutton**
Just 20 years ago, if you wanted to dash off a suggestive thought or two, you would've had to buy a card, stamp it, mail it, and wait a week.

The heat kind of goes out of "What are you wearing?" if your recipient's first thought is "Today ... or when this was postmarked?"

Technology frees up a lot of people — some of them, far too much. Nobody marches over to a stranger in the drugstore and remarks "I guess the central concern is: Do you look more like a flounder or a moose?"

Or a Chihuahua? Or one of those midget ponies? Or some sort of unholy incarnation of all four?"

But, under the virtual ski mask of online anonymity, blog commenter "WTB" had no problem dashing that off about a TV star. And just as the Internet provides a level of disconnect where some people (especially celebrities) are no longer people, simply attractive targets, cheating by text message makes it easy to short-circuit accountability.

The hands all over you are only yours, and there are no sweaty

sheets or motel keys to manage; it's the affair you can snap shut and drop in your purse.

Although you sent similar messages to both guys, at least you didn't resort to time- and thumb-saving measures like typing out the elevator scenario once and clicking "multiple recipients." Your boyfriend apparently feels you're worth the risk, and is trying to move on, which is a bit difficult with you hanging off his ankle, wailing about how sorry you are. You might instead turn this into an opportunity to strengthen your relationship by taking a step too few couples do:

Come up with a policy for monogamy instead of taking for granted that you won't two-time (or two-text) each other. Decide what your boundaries will be, and how you're supposed to answer if opportunity knocks (or vibrates).

Oh yeah, and assuming honesty will be an important part of your future together, start by cutting the lame protestations about how disgusted you were — every time — as in, "Oh, this is so disgusting ... here, just let me write back once more ... oh, I'm so grossed out. SEND!"

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Two prisoners captured in chase

AR LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — A pair of convicted murderers were captured in New York state after a 20-mile chase in the same car they used to flee from an Arkansas prison while wearing guard uniforms.

Calvin Adams, 39, and Jeffrey Grinder, 32, jumped from their car when it slowed in Horell, N.Y., and were captured after a brief foot chase, authorities said. No one was hurt.

Court reverses ruling on Starbucks tipping case

CA SAN DIEGO — A California appeals court has reversed a ruling that ordered Starbucks Corp. to pay millions in restitution to baristas who had to share their tips with supervisors.

The 4th District Court of Appeal in San Diego ruled that supervisors "essentially perform the same job as baristas," so they should get their fair share of collective tip jars.

Former barista Jou Chau filed a class-action lawsuit in 2004 on behalf of more than 100,000 current and former baristas in California. A San Diego County Superior Court judge ruled in their favor last year and awarded \$86 million in restitution plus about \$20 million in interest.

Use of outdoor prison cells halted after death

AZ PHOENIX — Arizona is ending its use of outdoor prison cells permanently after an inmate died in triple-digit heat last month, the corrections department said.

Corrections spokesman Barrett Marson said in an e-mail that the decision came after consulting with Gov. Jan Brewer's office. He declined to explain the decision or elaborate on the discussions.

The department said it was temporarily halting use of the cells to add shade and water.

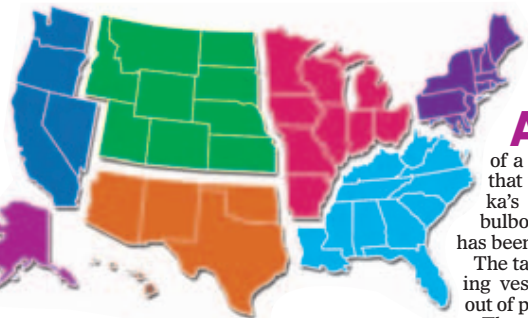
Marcia Powell, 48, died from heat-related complications hours after she collapsed May 19 in an uncovered outdoor cell. She had been in the cell for nearly four hours, despite a policy that set a two-hour limit. Three prison employees were suspended pending an investigation.

Man in airline bathroom incident reaches deal

GA ATLANTA — A suburban Cleveland man who was accused of assaulting a flight attendant as he tried frantically to use an airplane bathroom has reached a deal with federal prosecutors, his attorney said.

Joao Correa, 43, will face no charges in the March 28 episode aboard a Delta Air Lines flight from Honduras to Atlanta if he successfully completes a three-month pretrial diversion program, attorney Natasha Silas said.

The businessman says he ate something bad and desperately needed to use the bathroom about 30 minutes into the flight, but found the single coach aisle on the



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Boeing 737 blocked by a beverage cart. He said he asked if he could use the lavatory in business class, but was denied.

Transportation Security Administration policy requires passengers on international flights to use the restroom in their seating class. When the cart wasn't moved after a few minutes, Correa said he ran for the business class lavatory. He said the flight attendant put up her arm to block him, and he grabbed it to keep his balance. The pilot was called out to the cabin and allowed Correa to use the restroom.

Jewish school settles claim over cow slaughter

NY RAMAPO — A Jewish school has settled a claim that it violated town regulations when a calf was slaughtered and decapitated in its backyard.

The Town of Ramapo, in Rockland County, has accepted a \$5,000 fine from the Bobover Yeshiva.

The school's director has apologized. Rabbi Gershon Bornfreund said there was a miscommunication between the school and a young man who was studying slaughter under Jewish ritual law.

Neighbors in the upscale area said they were horrified when they looked out their windows on May 4. They saw young men slaughtering the cow with knives, decapitating it and hanging it from a tree.



Catastrophe avoided

Firefighter Laura Gifford rescues a cat from a house fire in Lewiston, Idaho.

Dead whale towed to sea

AK ANCHORAGE — The carcass of a dead humpback whale that was brought into Alaska's Port of Valdez on the bulbous bow of an oil tanker has been towed out to sea.

The tanker contracted a fishing vessel to drag the whale out of port.

The charter's captain, Bernie Culbertson, told the Valdez Star he plans to let go of the carcass about 70 miles south of Valdez.

A tanker owned by Exxon Mobil came into the terminal with the dead humpback on the bulbous protrusion of the ship's bow. SeaRiver Kodiak spokesman Ray Botto says the tanker may have had a role in the whale's death but it's also possible it was already dead.

Guard dead, another hurt in Wal-Mart robbery

WA LAKEWOOD — Police near Tacoma say an armored car guard was killed and a bystander wounded as two men robbed the guard at a bank inside a Wal-Mart.

Pierce County sheriff's deputies and Lakewood police were looking for two men who grabbed a money bag from the guard and drove off after shooting him.

Loomis armored cars spokesman Pat Flaherty said the victim, 39-year-old Kurt Husted, had been with the company 16 years.

Lakewood Police Lt. Heidi Hoffman said a customer was shot in the shoulder but his wound was not life-threatening.

Mom accused of injuring child by smearing feces

TX AUSTIN — A woman in Texas has been accused of repeatedly smearing human waste on her 3-year-old daughter's intravenous feeding line, potentially causing life-threatening infections.

Emily Beth McDonald, 23, of Austin, was charged with felony injury to a child. She faces up to life in prison if convicted.

According to an arrest affidavit, a surveillance video at Dell Children's Medical Center captured McDonald placing feces from a soiled diaper on the cap of a tube with a direct link to her child's bloodstream.

According to the affidavit, police interviewed McDonald, who allegedly confessed and said she knew that her actions could make the child severely ill and possibly even kill her. No motive was disclosed.

Man loses leg after he is struck by taxi

NY NEW YORK — New York City police say a man putting his child in the car was struck by a cab in Brooklyn that severed his leg. Police say the cab swerved to avoid a car pulling out from a driveway on East 57th Street. They say the cab then crashed into the man and his car across the street.

The man's leg was amputated, and he was sent to Bellevue Hospital for possible reattachment surgery. Neighbors told the radio station 1010WINS that they put the man's leg on ice while waiting for emergency responders.



Rolling along

in Chippewa Falls, Wis.

Tyler Webb, a junior at Chippewa Falls Senior High School, and Jessica Dzienkowski, a senior, try out their inline skates near the school



All done

Workers put on the finishing touches on the new eastern span of the Hood Canal Bridge in Washington. The Washington Transportation Department hasn't said exactly when it will reopen the Hood Canal floating bridge, but it has a ribbon-cutting ceremony scheduled.



Bus crunch

A Native Air medevac helicopter flies an injured school bus driver to Flagstaff Medical Center in Chino Valley, Ariz., from the scene of a four-vehicle accident involving two Chino Valley School District buses on Highway 89.



Big spray Holley Odom of Hardin, Ky., blasts Calli Carver of Benton, Ky., with water from a hose as they played in a Benton yard. This has become a common sight across the area the past two days as 90-plus-degree heat has caused many to find ways to cool themselves.



Timber St. Paul Parks & Recreation worker Shawn Locke uses a chain saw to remove the stump of an ash tree after cutting it down, as workers began removing 29 infested ash trees in St. Paul, Minn. The trees have damage from the emerald ash borer beetle. Another 30 infested trees were found on private property.



Crash, burn

A woman under arrest on suspicion of drunken driving was fatally burned in Tucson when a car slammed into the back of a parked Arizona highway patrol cruiser in which she was seated. Both vehicles and another cruiser in front ignited, authorities said.



Walking a fine line

Workmen assemble scaffolding at the construction site for the new research greenhouse complex on the North Dakota State University campus in Fargo, N.D.

Facial recognition system leads to arrest

IN INDIANAPOLIS — A new facial recognition system at the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles led to the arrest of a convicted forger as he tried to establish a sixth fake identity just months after his parole, the agency's head said.

Commissioner Andy Miller told a symposium on identity theft and fraud that the facial recognition system installed at the BMV detected David Grice. Grice was using his new Indiana credentials to open separate bank accounts under the various names, BMV said in a report.

A "wanted" poster with his six BMV photos and various names had been distributed to every license branch in the state.

Within 48 hours, Grice walked into a license branch in the central Indiana city of Crawfordsville, where a BMV employee spotted him and alerted security.

"The only way we caught this guy was through the facial recognition system," Miller told a gathering of law enforcement officers on the state government campus.

Fire reported at topless coffee shop

ME VASSALBORO — Officials say there was a fire at a topless coffee shop in Maine that generated headlines while raising the ire of local residents.

The fire was reported at about 1 a.m. at the Grand View Topless Coffee Shop, located at the site of the former Grand View Motel on busy Route 3.

Owner Donald Crabtree told news reporters that he lost his home and business in the fire, and that he had no insurance.

Route 3 was closed for a time while firefighters doused the blaze. Investigators from the state fire marshal's office are at the scene.

Bishop sentenced for church bell noise

AZ PHOENIX — A Phoenix church leader has received a suspended 10-day jail sentence because his tolling church bells violated a city noise ordinance.

Bishop Richard Painter says he'll appeal, according to KNXV-TV.

The bells at the Cathedral of Christ the King in northwest Phoenix normally chime at the top of every hour from eight in the morning until eight at night.

Neighbors say the bells are too loud and ring too often.

In addition to Painter's sentence, the judge restricted chimes at the church to no more than 60 decibels for two minutes on Sundays and specific religious holidays.

Explorers may lose vast treasure to Spain

FL TAMPA — A federal judge says deep-sea explorers based in Florida should give 17 tons of shipwreck treasure back to Spain.

Odyssey Marine Exploration said it will fight a federal magistrate judge's recommendation that the estimated \$500 million in silver coins and other 19th-century artifacts go to the Spanish

government.

Another federal judge will consider the recommendation and decide.

Tampa-based Odyssey has been locked in a court battle with Spain over the ownership of the treasure since announcing the find in May 2007.

Federal magistrate judge Mark Pizzo wrote in an order that Spain is the rightful owner of the treasure, which was being carried by a Spanish navy galleon when it sank southwest of Portugal in 1804.

Trial set for TV exec in wife's beheading

NY BUFFALO — A trial date of Jan. 18 has been set for a Muslim-American businessman charged with beheading his estranged wife at the television station the couple said they created to balance negative portrayals of Muslims.

Muzzammil Hassan, 44, did not speak during a procedural appearance with his lawyer in Erie County Court in Buffalo. He has pleaded not guilty to second-degree murder in the death of Aasiyah Hassan.

The 37-year-old woman was stabbed multiple times and decapitated Feb. 12 at the offices of Bridges TV in the Buffalo suburb of Orchard Park.

Muzzammil Hassan, who is known as "Mo," had been served with divorce papers and an order of protection a week earlier.

Man at landmark case's center gets life in prison

VA RICHMOND — A Virginia death row inmate whose case led to the national ban on executing the mentally retarded will spend life in prison.

In a 5-2 decision, the Virginia Supreme Court upheld a judge's order commuting the sentence of Daryl Atkins to life in prison.

Atkins spent a decade on death row for the 1996 robbery and slaying of Air Force mechanic Eric Nesbitt. Defense attorneys argued that Atkins shouldn't be executed because he is mentally retarded. The case went to the U.S. Supreme Court, which ruled in 2002 that executing the mentally retarded is unconstitutional.

A new jury later decided Atkins wasn't retarded and again imposed the death sentence, but a judge commuted the sentence after finding prosecutors failed to turn over key evidence at the trial.

No jail time but fine for ex-Army engineer

NY NEW YORK — A judge spared an 85-year-old former U.S. Army engineer any prison time for passing secret documents to the Israelis in the 1980s. He said it remains a mystery why such a grave assault on national security took 23 years to prosecute and fined him \$50,000.

U.S. District Judge William H. Pauley III scolded Ben-ami Kadish for letting the Israelis steal classified documents between 1979 and 1985 from the Armament Research, Development and Engineering Center at the Picatinny Arsenal in Dover, N.J., where he worked.

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OPINION

Obama on campaign trail in Cairo

BY KATHLEEN PARKER

WASHINGTON

If it ain't broke, the saying goes, don't fix it. And so it was that the Muslim world got to hear the 2009 version of Barack Obama's 2004 Democratic convention speech.

In the first rendition before a swarm of fellow party members, though aimed at a national audience, Obama assured Americans that we are not a nation of Red States and Blue States.

"There's not a black America and a white America and Latino America and Asian America; there's the United States of America."

Four years later, Obama was elected president of those United States.

At Cairo University on Thursday, Obama delivered essentially the same message on a slightly grander scale — telling the world's 1.5 billion Muslims, as well as the planet at large:

"The interests we share as human beings are far more powerful than the forces that drive us apart."

The nearly hourlong speech, which contained many inspired passages, was essentially a teaching moment. A lecture, if you will.

Here's the lesson: We have to get along or we're all doomed. Freedom works; oppression doesn't. Your homework: Clear your mind of the past, evict stereotypes, and join the global future.

Beyond delivering core messages of partnership and a new beginning based on mutual understanding and respect, Obama made three big scores: He essentially neutralized Osama bin Laden. He managed to call Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad a hateful ignoramus without even mentioning his name.

And, he affirmed Western values of democracy, human rights, religious freedom and women's right to self-determination — all while making Muslims feel complimented, appreciated and understood.

No small feats.

To delegitimize the man whose name rhymes with his, Obama had only to show

up and not be George W. Bush. Osama the cave-dweller's latest blurt, timed to preempt Obama's speech, was more pathetic than threatening — the muffled bleat of an emasculated warrior powerless against an enemy he can no longer demonize.

Obama is the withered and quivering Gollum — seething with envy and nursing his precious hatred — to Obama's robust and hope-driven Frodo. The forces of darkness and light personified.

Obama similarly defused the nutty nuke-chaser, Ahmadinejad. Obama was talking about Iran's alleged desire for access to "peaceful" nuclear power and his own goal for a nuke-free world.

Whether Obama's approach to Iran is naive or workable can be debated elsewhere. He makes perfect sense in a perfectly sensible world. Most sane people want to live without the nagging threat of obliteration. And most would agree that reasonable people have the right to access nuclear power for nonviolent purposes.

But we know Iran's president to be insane and unreasonable. Just the day before Obama's Cairo speech, Ahmadinejad repeated his belief that the Holocaust was a "big deception."

In his own remarks, Obama said that denying the fact of the Holocaust is "baseless," "ignorant" and "hateful." If Ahmadinejad didn't recognize himself, surely the rest of the world did, including Iranians who will vote in their country's presidential election this month.

Finally, Obama was unflinching in defending American values, though he characterized them not as uniquely American values but as human rights.

Listening to the speech, one couldn't help noticing (at times uneasily) the moments that prompted applause. Every time Obama quoted scripture from the Quran or conceded errors in America's own history, the audience clapped. (The loudest applause, however, came when Obama spoke of democracy.)

Although it made sense to acknowledge Quranic wisdom as a way of showing respect for the audience, I kept thinking: Why

not toss a few crumbs to the non-Muslim boys and girls back home? If the message is our common humanity, why not demonstrate that commonality by showing parallels in Jewish and Christian texts?

This omission would have been my sharpest criticism of the speech if not for the fact that I was judging too soon. Obama saved the best for last.

This time echoing his presidential campaign, Obama said: "We have the power to make the world we seek (*yes we can!*), but only if we have the courage to make a new beginning (*fired up, ready to go!*), keeping in mind what has been written."

Then he quoted verses from the Quran, the Talmud and the Bible that all pointed toward peace. He wrapped up with the ultimate plea for hope and change:

"The people of the world can live together in peace," said Obama. "We know that is God's vision. Now, that must be our work here on Earth."

Hey, it worked in 2008.

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OPINION

What newspapers are saying at home

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Cyber effort must be up to code
The Kansas City (Mo.) Star

President Barack Obama's announcement of a new effort to deal with cyberattacks is welcome, even though it remains incomplete in detail. The administration should work rapidly to fill in the blanks.

The plan calls for a White House "cybersecurity" officer to coordinate the nation's attempts to "deter, prevent, detect and defend" against computer attacks. But a 38-page document describing the program had few details about how those goals would be met. Nor did it resolve any of the festering disputes among the National Security Agency, Homeland Security and other agencies over which entity should take the lead in defensive — and offensive — computer operations. Currently, NSA is the repository for most of Washington's digital-warfare know-how.

In the future — presumably when the interagency turf wars are more settled — the administration is expected to announce creation of a new military command for cyber operations.

The plan announced by Obama deals mainly with defensive operations — curbing access to the government's computer networks, and protecting the computer systems that run the financial markets, banking and air-traffic control.

So far, so good. The next step is for Obama to appoint an active and knowledgeable person to be the first "cybersecurity coordinator," who could begin filling in the details on how the nation's critical computer infrastructure should be protected.

It's best if GM finds right road
The Denver Post

In its glory days of the 1950s, General Motors sold 54 of every 100 new cars on the market. The century-old enterprise once symbolized all that was best about our nation.

Yet ... the company became the government's latest ward. What an astonishing and sad road to go down. ...

We have to hope President Barack Obama can keep true to his word and avoid allowing Washington to let politics interfere with GM's executives as they try to transform their company into a smaller, leaner "New GM," as Obama put it.

GM cannot be micromanaged from inside the Beltway. ...

Politics already appear to be trumping business-minded decisions. Ron Gettelfinger, United Auto Workers president, claims to have pressured the White House and GM to halt shipment of up to 160,000 smaller, more efficient cars being made at overseas plants to the U.S. The UAW's victory means more money will have to be spent on outfitting existing U.S. factories to make the smaller cars. ... It's just one of the many troubling examples of what can happen when government interferes in the private marketplace.

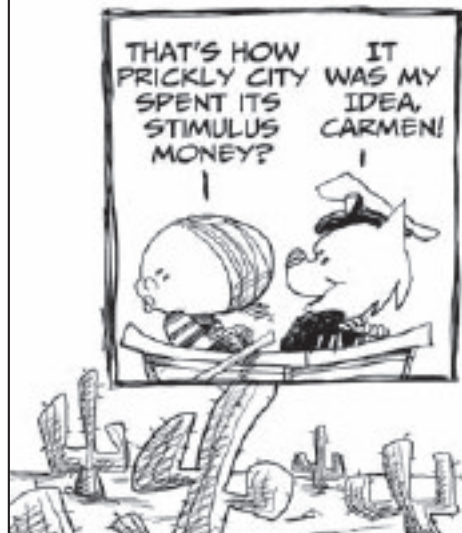
Obama shouldn't have taken us down this road. Let's hope talk of taking the soonest possible exit isn't chimerical.

Don't tax non-GM carbuyers
Grand Forks (N.D.) Herald

The U.S. government's bailout means General Motors will continue to be a world-class maker of cars. Ah, but will it be a world-class seller of cars?

There's the rub. And there's the real test for the next few years: What will the feds do if consumers don't want to buy GM vehicles? Will the government step in on the

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sales floor as forcefully as it has the factory floor? The Obama administration must answer that question with a loud "no." That means no new tariffs on imports, no new "value-added taxes" on U.S.-made Hondas and Toyotas and no other legislative gimmicks to push consumers GM's way. ...

That's the only way to wean GM off the public dole and fulfill the administration's key promise, which is that the GM bailout will be a temporary affair.

Unfortunately, the government's new arrangement with GM doesn't inspire much confidence that those things will happen, because there seems to be so little chance that the company will be profitable any time soon. That's because the problems that brought GM to bankruptcy ... still appear to be in place.

Murder doesn't solve, it incites
Sarasota (Fla.) Herald-Tribune

There is nothing "pro-life" about the murder of physicians, security guards, clinic receptionists and other victims of anti-abortion violence. There is nothing moral about the use of terror tactics against people who provide necessary, legal abortion services.

Dr. George Tiller was one of those people, bravely continuing his late-term abortion practice despite the 1985 bombing of his Kansas clinic, his 1993 wounding by gunfire and multiple threats since then. But last Sunday, as Tiller attended church, he was killed by yet another extremist gunman. The shameful crime — committed in a house of worship — set a new low in the bloody campaign of intimidation against abortion providers. ...

The shootings, bombings, knifings and other acts perpetrated by anti-abortion extremists can have a chilling effect on women's right to choose. ...

America's rift over abortion cannot be healed by violence. The murders and assaults must be seen for what they are: a tuggish affront to the rule of law.

Are Iran, N. Korea tone-deaf?
The (Trenton, N.J.) Trentonian

Remember, back during the presidential campaign, how Barack Obama was going to sweet-talk North Korea and Iran into being reasonable? Sensitivity to their concerns was the way to bring nuclearized North Korea and nuclear-wannabe Iran around to sensible behavior, he said. ...

This recommended approach beguiled America's electorate but not, alas, Stalinist North Korea and not theocratic Iran. ...

Iran's mullahs and North Korea's Kim Jong Il seemed to have taken the measure of candidate Obama and to have concluded that President Obama is a weakling who can be pushed around. So candidate Obama orated President Obama into the

present predicament of now having to persuade these two nasty tyrannies that their assessment of him is mistaken. ...

Now a suddenly tough-talking Obama finds himself confronted with the challenge of talking his way out of a situation he talked his way into. Let's hope that his tough-talk routine makes more of an impression than his sweet-talk routine did.

Don't let N. Korea hold trial
San Francisco Chronicle

Laura Ling and Euna Lee are accused of entering North Korea illegally and engaging in "hostile acts."

In North Korea, that seems to be a repressive regime's way of saying these two reporters for San Francisco's Current TV were "committing journalism." They were arrested in March near the China-North Korea border — and authorities in the secretive country have not shown any convincing evidence of the reporters' wrongdoing.

The timing of their arrest could not have been worse. Pyongyang has been drawing worldwide condemnation with its provocative yet clumsy efforts to show off the nation's fledgling nuclear capability.

The fear is that Ling and Lee could become bargaining chips in North Korea's efforts to force direct talks with the Obama administration. So far, the U.S. State Department has insisted that there would be no link between the detention of these two journalists and the nations' differences over nuclear issues. This is both a principled and practical response.

The status of Ling and Lee can and should be resolved quickly. North Korea should understand that its global standing would be diminished further by a sham trial or any further delay in their release.

Sotomayor: Open to speculation
(Kingston, N.Y.) Daily Freeman

By every conventional measure, Sonia Sotomayor, 54, is highly qualified for the Supreme Court bench. From Phi Beta Kappa at Princeton University to law review at Yale Law School and from New York City prosecutor to private litigation to 18 years on the federal bench, her resume is one of consistent achievement, up from hardscrabble roots in the Bronx, mostly as the daughter of a widowed, working mother.

Sotomayor, then, is a safe choice, perhaps even a wise one.

Yes, her years on the bench have produced puzzling footprints, almost imperceptibly light or ambiguous. Legal experts who have reviewed her appellate work say it's difficult to say there is any pattern to her legal opinions. This has left advocates and opponents either grasping for answers about what sort of justice she would be or

using the flimsiest of evidence to project on her what they want to see. She either has spent a disciplined lifetime fashioning herself as a stealth candidate with a radical agenda to spring upon the Supreme Court or simply possesses a centrist judicial temperament that's not easy to pigeonhole.

The latter seems most likely.

Still, we admit to some disappointment. ... President Barack Obama passed on the more affirmative opportunity to nominate someone with broad experience outside the courts, such as an elected official who has struggled daily with municipal budgets, felt the effects of court rulings at street level, and pressed the flesh to ask for the votes of working Americans. Maybe next time, if he gets another opportunity to nominate.

Industry's BPA plan is plastic
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

The "holy grail" for food packagers and chemical industry lobbyists was a pregnant woman endorsing bisphenol A, according to a Milwaukee Journal Sentinel Watchdog report. Good luck with that.

No doubt, the controversial chemical BPA needs a makeover of its image, but no amount of shilling will change certain facts:

■ Dozens of independent studies have linked the chemical to a variety of ailments in laboratory animals, including cancer. The government in recent years ignored those studies and focused on ones funded by industry that found the chemical safe.

■ An increasing number of lawmakers believe BPA is a risk. Canada has banned it from baby bottles. In May, Minnesota became the first state and Chicago the first city to ban the sale of baby bottles and sippy cups containing BPA. Bans are being considered in [four states].

■ Bills are under consideration in Congress to ban the chemical in food packaging, and new Food and Drug Administration Commissioner Margaret Hamburg says she expects to have a decision in weeks. ...

Congress should ban the chemical — at least for products intended for children. Because BPA is used in products from dental sealants to the linings of metal cans, it might be difficult to ban it immediately in all products. But lawmakers could get around that by giving the industry a transition period, setting a date for a total ban.

The Journal Sentinel recently reported that food-packaging executives and lobbyists met in Washington to agree on a PR strategy. Using a pregnant woman to vouch for the chemical's safety was one idea. This behavior is reminiscent of how the tobacco industry long denied the obvious. ... Perhaps it's time for chemical makers and packagers to spend more time looking for ways to improve the safety of their products [instead].

PERSPECTIVES

Student body precedent

At some schools, losses refer to games. At others, they refer to too many classmates.

By KARL FISCHER
AND KIMBERLY S. WETZEL
Contra Costa (Calif.) Times

There he sat smearing bacon McGriddle grease on the seats of her old burgundy Cadillac as they rolled up Cutting Boulevard in Richmond.

Jeffie Russell invariably refused whenever Cameron begged for a drive-through detour on the way to school, but it never stuck.

Truth was, she enjoyed the extra time with her 15-year-old grandson. Something about Cameron made driving with him a joy. Maybe how he harmonized to the vintage soul that poured from the stereo. His sweet voice made her feel good.

Besides, he always shared his hash browns.

"Hey, there's Darius," he murmured as they passed knots of kids walking to class. They pulled up in front of Kennedy High's tall concrete facade about 8:10 a.m. Jan. 23. Cameron flipped open the door, lifted out of his seat.

Love you. See you when you get home. Have a good day.

"It's like a ritual I had with him," Russell said.

But ritual diverged after second period that day. Cameron never reached third. By the time Katy Balazy recorded Cameron's first unexcused absence of the year in her fourth-period English class, he was hanging out in an apartment blocks away.

At 12:06 p.m., when the shotgun went off, "he was supposed to be right there," Balazy said, pointing to an empty desk near the center of her room.

Another empty seat. Another teacher groping for words. Another name to remember at Kennedy High.

Eight teens enrolled at West Contra Costa Unified died by gunfire during 2008-09, more than any other district in the East Bay. Each death rocked a neighborhood and destabilized a family. But each also tore at a veneer of safety where the community expects it most: its schools.

There the trauma lingers long after the crisis counselors leave, disrupting mental health, academic performance and attendance.

"Their lockers are still here. That memory still exists, it's still here," Kennedy Prin-

cipal LaToya Williams said. "I don't think you move on. You just move forward."

Richmond students attend class, eat lunch, socialize with classmates, play sports and cram for tests, just like other Bay Area teens.

But, as with many urban schools, differences beyond the campus gate warp life in the classroom.

In Richmond, a city ranked among the nation's leaders in violent crime, police investigate several shootings each week. Records show 104 reported homicides between the city and unincorporated North Richmond since 2007, including 19 victims aged 18 or younger.

Meanwhile, Richmond High School's truancy rate topped 69 percent in 2007-08. Kennedy hovered at 63 percent. And only 28 percent of district sophomores scored proficient or better in English on 2008 standardized tests.

Randy Enos needs no research to see the link.

"Some really do run the gauntlet to or from school," said Enos, principal of Gompers High School in Richmond's Iron Triangle neighborhood. "The events occur away from school, but they have a big impact ... on what's happening in the classroom."

Research suggests as many as one-third of urban students experience post-traumatic stress disorder — an affliction normally associated with war veterans — or its symptoms: an inability to concentrate, nightmares, overwhelming anxiety, unprovoked anger or fear, emotional numbing.

And trauma can extend far beyond those students directly involved, said Dr. Victor Carrion, director of the Stanford Early Life Stress Research Program.

"Many kids are not at risk due to proximity ... but another factor is sensitivity. Everyone is different," Carrion said. "A kid might have a severe reaction, whether they knew the homicide victim or not."

Enormous numbers of urban Los Angeles students show symptoms. This spring, 94 percent of fifth-graders at a South-Central elementary reported witnessing multiple traumatic events and 53 percent showed PTSD symptoms, as did 62 percent of freshman surveyed at a Rampart-area high school.

"We have cases where walking to school is hard, passing a particular corner," said Pia Escudero with the Los Angeles Unified



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Teacher Katy Balazy looks through a binder of memories on a memorial chair created by classmates for Cameron Russell in her classroom at Kennedy High School in Richmond, Calif., on May 28. By the time Balazy recorded Cameron's first unexcused absence of the year in her fourth-period English class on Jan. 23, he was hanging out in an apartment blocks away. Soon after, the 15-year-old student was shot and killed.

Trauma Services Adaptation Center.

Students so burdened frequently disengage at school, with poor grades providing further disincentive to participate, experts say.

"I give kids a hug, and then we do math," said Kennedy teacher Julia McKinnon. "It's absurd."

The PA system crackled during seventh period on a Friday, blaring over the copy-machine din in the office. A Kennedy Eagle died today.

Cell phones went off. Rumors flew. Someone passing through said a boy named Cameron got shot.

Not my Cameron, Balazy thought. But come Monday, his seat sat empty.

"The mood, you know, it was just so dead," senior Rayshana Brown said. "It was like when you watch a movie with the sound off and there are no words, no noise. It was very awkward."

Time blurred at Kennedy. The school opened its gym to give students a place to go. Kids and teachers stumbled through their schedules, some quiet, some sobbing. Upstairs, Ms. B's room became the backdrop for grief counseling, moral debate, information gathering.

Cameron attended English there fourth period. During third, she taught the 17-year-old accused of murdering him, until he transferred out a few weeks earlier.

Both were present when a shotgun went off about noon in a crowded living room at the Monterey Pines apartments. The suspect turned himself in minutes later.

"Nobody wanted to sit in Cameron's seat," Balazy said. "And [one] of the boys, who was there at the murder scene ... he had to go outside because he was having trouble breathing."

Amid this emotional bedlam, nobody expected the PA speakers to crackle anew.

But on Tuesday morning, they did.

Everyone knew sophomore Angel Beltran, whose class-clown antics entertained and occasionally infuriated his teachers. Tear-stricken students again flooded the courtyard.

Dazed staff watched the swell of teddy bears and goodbye notes grow out front. Pictures of Angel and Cameron with the letters "RIP" emerged on notebooks and T-shirts and in lanyards hung around necks.

"It's back to back," senior Nana Torres said after a campus anti-violence rally that Friday. "It's so depressing, and very difficult to concentrate. Kids think it's a direct

hit on Kennedy."

The funeral fell the following Wednesday. The same day, Kennedy students took the state high school exit exam, required to earn a diploma. Some did, at least.

"The exit exam was important to me. It was one of those things I had to do," senior Armando Padilla said. "But Angel was like family to me, so I had to choose. I chose Angel's funeral."

When a student dies, their school becomes a giant therapist's office. Counselors set aside a room for drop-in therapy. They coach teachers about how to best help their students. And they visit each of the victim's classes, listening.

"In junior high and high school, we're really going in to allow the children time and a forum to talk about it," said Jodi Couick, co-chairwoman of the district's psychology department.

Then there was the girl in Ms. Balazy's class who couldn't understand the fuss that Monday after Cameron died. She told her teacher, "Yeah, I've had it happen to me a lot. I'm used to it," Balazy said.

The dry-erase board in Balazy's room will finish the school year a virtual mausoleum, with penned homage to Cameron, Angel and Salvador Cortez Jr., another homicide victim who attended Kennedy before switching to Gompers his sophomore year.

A few feet away, Cameron's binder sticks fast to his old desk with a little packing tape. Classmates filled it with messages, from the heartfelt to the breezy, images and colors and phrasings found alternatively in yearbooks or memorial-service programs.

But nobody sits in that chair anymore. "There's nothing really to talk about," said 16-year-old Damarion Willis, standing near the sunken placard that marks Angel Beltran's spot in St. Joseph's Cemetery in San Pablo. "I've lost a lot of people, and I just have to get over it."

Rain loomed but never fell the evening of May 2, when Angel would have turned 17. His family threw a party anyway, beside the grave. They brought cupcakes and released 17 green, purple and white balloons. A young couple approached, dressed to the nines, her dark dress dragging across the lawn.

They were just stopping by on the way to the big dance.

"What, it's prom?" someone exclaimed.



Alma Beltran, Angel Beltran's aunt, sits in front of his grave during a birthday celebration at St. Joseph's Cemetery in San Pablo, Calif., on May 2. "There's nothing really to talk about," said Damarion Willis, 16, standing near the sunken placard that marks Angel's spot in the cemetery. "I've lost a lot of people, and I just have to get over it."

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SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 2009

	(AFN-ATLANTIC)	(AFN-FAMILY)	(AFN-MOVIE)	(AFN-NEWS)	(AFN-PACIFIC)	(PENTAGON)	(SPECTRUM)	(AFN-SPORTS)	(XTRA)
9:00	CSI: Miami "Rush"	Emperor New	(8:31) Movie "Jurassic Park" (1993) Sam Neill. Cloned dinosaurs run amok at an island-jungle theme park.	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	MLB Baseball Colorado Rockies at St. Louis Cardinals. From Busch Stadium in St. Louis. (Live)	Recon Revisited	MythBusters "Myths Re-opened"	(8:00) College Baseball NCAA Super Regional -- Rice at LSU. (Live)	(8:00) MLB Baseball Chicago Cubs at Cincinnati Reds. From Great American Ball Park in Cincinnati. (Live)
9:30	Oprah Winfrey	Phineas and Ferb		Hannity		State Dept Briefing			
10:00		Ben 10				Fit For Duty			
10:30		Dragonball GT				AFN Europe Report			
11:00	Dr. Phil	Teenage Robot	(10:52) Movie "Geronimo: An American Legend" (1993, Historical Drama) Wes Studi, Jason Patric.	Anderson Cooper 360		Week-Pentagon	Dirty Jobs "Steel Mill Worker" Cave biologist.	Sports	ESPNNews
11:30		Kenny the Shark				Fit For Duty			Sports
12:00	CBS Evening News	Teen Kids News		Special Report With Bret Baier	Ent. Studios	Battleground	Latin Lifestyles	SportsCenter	
12:30	ESPNews	Grossology			Criss Angel Mindfreak	Around the Services	Urban Style		
13:00	NBC Nightly News	Out There	(02) Movie "Batman & Robin" (1997) Arnold Schwarzenegger, George Clooney. The dynamic duo returns to take on an icy villain.	Campbell Brown	Engineering an Empire "Russia"	FNG Useful benefits.	Designed to Sell	Baseball Tonight	
13:30	World News-Gibson	Lizzie McGuire			Access Hollywood	Army Newswatch	Tyler's Ultimate	NBA Fastbreak	
14:00	Connie the Cow	The Crocodile Hunter "Wildest Home Videos"		Your World With Neil Cavuto		AFN Europe Report	Big Daddy's House	SportsCenter	
14:30	Ribert & Robert's	Animal Miracles "Saving Grace"	(16) Movie "Like: Countdown to D-Day" (2004) Tom Selleck, Timothy Bottoms.	The Rachel Maddow Show	Deadliest Catch "Batten Down the Hatches"	The Grill Sergeants	Healthy-Elle Krieger		ESPNNews
15:00	Sonic the Hedgehog					Fit For Duty	New Amsterdam "Reclassified"	SportsCenter	NFL Total Access
15:30	Danny Phantom					Battleground			
16:00	Naruto	Hercules: The Legendary Journeys "The Enforcer"		Around the Services	Law & Order "Corner Office"	Fi. Hood on Track	Stargate Atlantis "Critical Mass"	Sports	MTV Hits Playlist
16:30	Darcy's Wild Life			Tavis Smiley	Extreme Makeover: Home Edition "Miller Family"	Week-Pentagon			
17:00	Ent. Studios	SpongeBob SquarePants	Movie "Fools Rush In" (1997) Matthew Perry. Pregnancy pushes one-shot lovers into a difficult marriage.	Nightly Business Report		Recon	King of the Hill		Top 20 Countdown
17:30	Criss Angel Mindfreak	The Fairly OddParents		Nightline		Recon Revisited	That '70s Show		
18:00	Engineering an Empire "Russia"	The Universe "Spaceship Earth" Earth.		The O'Reilly Factor	World News-Gibson	Army Newswatch	The King of Queens	MLB Baseball Tampa Bay Rays at New York Yankees. From Yankee Stadium in the Bronx, N.Y. (Same-day Tape Subject to Blackout)	Top 20 Countdown
18:30					ESPNNews	Week-Pentagon	Everybody-Raymond		
19:00	Access Hollywood	So You Think You Can Dance Las Vegas call-backs.	Movie "Superhero Movie" (2008, Comedy) Drake Bell, Sara Paxton.	Countdown With Keith Olbermann	Law & Order "Chattel"	The Grill Sergeants	My Boys "Private Eyes"		ECW
19:30						Fit For Duty	How I Met Your Mother		
20:00	Deadliest Catch "Batten Down the Hatches"			Today	Leverage Wounded reservist.	Battleground	Terminator: The Sarah Connor Chronicles		WWE SmackDown!
20:30						Balad and Beyond			
21:00	Law & Order "Corner Office"	Made "Breakdancer"	(37) Movie "Hulk" (2003, Fantasy) Eric Bana, Jennifer Connelly, Sam Elliott. Scientist Bruce Banner transforms into a powerful brute.	MSNBC Live	48 Hours Mystery "Deadline for Justice"	All Hands TV	Supernatural "Lucifer Rising"	Sports	
21:30						Pacific Report			
22:00	Law & Order "Chattel"	Movie "Zathura" (2005) Josh Hutcherson. A mysterious game propels two young brothers into outer space.			Headline News	Army Newswatch	Saturday Night Live	Sports	Best Damn Sports Show Period
22:30					American Dad	Today's Air Force			
23:00	Leverage Wounded reservist.		(05) Movie "Bat 21" (1988, Action) Gene Hackman.	Bulls and Bears	'Til Death	Recon			Attack of the Show!
23:30				Cavuto on Business	The War at Home	Week-Pentagon	Austin City Limits		

SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 2009

00:00	48 Hours Mystery "Deadline for Justice"	The Simpsons	(11:05) Movie "Bat 21" (1988, Action) Gene Hackman.	Forbes on FOX	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Loophole"	FNG Useful benefits.	(11:30) Austin City Limits	(10:00) Sports	Top 20 Countdown
00:30		The Simpsons		Cashin' In		Fit For Duty	Dog the Bounty Hunter		
1:00	Sports	The Universe "Spaceship Earth" Earth.	Movie "Like Mike" (2002) Lil' Bow Wow, Morris Chestnut. Magic sneakers propel an orphan to a slot in the NBA.	Newsroom	Without a Trace "Article 32"	Around the Services	Wife Swap A mom from Kentucky, a mom from Illinois.		Top 20 Countdown
1:30				Your Money	House "Three Stories"	Around the Services	Boston Legal "Ivan the Incurable"		Sports
2:00		So You Think You Can Dance Las Vegas call-backs.				Around the Services			
2:30				This Week in the Pentagon	Law & Order Detectives uncover a child slave-trade ring.	Around the Services	Judging Amy "Convictions"	Sports	
3:00				Wall Street Journal Report	Leverage "The Home Coming Job" Wounded reservist.	First Air Force Now			
3:30		Made "Breakdancer"		America's News HQ		Battleground	Austin City Limits "Tracy Chapman"		
4:00						National Guard News			
4:30			(32) Movie "Hulk" (2003, Fantasy) Eric Bana, Jennifer Connelly, Sam Elliott. Scientist Bruce Banner transforms into a powerful brute.	Newsroom	48 Hours Mystery "Deadline for Justice"	This Week in the Pentagon	Kiana's Flex Appeal		Sports
5:00	Sports	Mister Rogers' Neighborhood				The Benning Report	Denise Austin's Getting Fit		
5:30		Barney & Friends		McLaughlin Group	Headline News	Downrange News from Iraq and Afghanistan.	Take Home Chef		
6:00		Sesame Street		Our World With	ESPNNews		Throwdown With Bobby Flay		
6:30				The Situation Room With Wolf Blitzer	Headline News		Music and the Spoken Word		
7:00		Davey and Goliath	Movie "El" (2003, Comedy) Will Ferrell, James Caan. A man leaves Santa's workshop to search for his family.	FOX Report	House Call-Dr. Sanjay Gupta	The Grill Sergeants	Top 3		
7:30		VeggieTales			Entertainers	Fit For Duty	Day of Discovery (Part 3 of 3)	Sports	
8:00	Sports	Postman Pat		Washington Week in Review	Life on the Way	USARJ This Week	The Universe "Dark Matter"	NHL Hockey Stanley Cup Final Game 5 -- Pittsburgh Penguins at Detroit Red Wings. From Joe Louis Arena in Detroit. (Subject to Blackout) (Live)	Sports
8:30		3-2-1 Penguins		All Hands TV	T.D. Jakes	FNG Useful benefits.			
9:00		The Magic School Bus	(6:52) Movie "She's All That" (1999) Freddie Prinze Jr., Rachael Leigh Cook.	Today's Air Force	Love Worth Finding	Fit For Duty	I Shouldn't Be Alive "Alaskan Avalanche"		
9:30		Fetch! With Ruff Ruffman		The Chris Matthews Show	The Pure Life "Virginity"	Battleground	Extreme Engineering "Venice Flood Gates" Saving Venice.		
10:00		Codename: Kids Next Door		Newsroom	Grand Ole Opry Live	Recon Revisited			
10:30		Archie's Weird Mysteries	(36) Movie "The Color Purple" (1985, Drama) Whoopi Goldberg, Danny Glover, Margaret Avery. Based on Alice Walker's portrait of a rural black woman.	Journal Editorial Report		Fit For Duty			
11:00	Sports	Growing Pains "The Kid"		Fox News Watch	MotorWeek	Battleground	The Suze Orman Show	Sports	Sports
11:30		Planet's Funniest Animals		Larry King Live	At the Movies	Today's Air Force			
12:00		Nick News Special Edition			Digging for the Truth The Chavin rule ancient Peru.	All Hands TV	All-Girl Getaways		
12:30		The Brady Bunch		Geraldo at Large	Ghost Ships	This Week in the Pentagon	Quick Fix Meals		
13:00	McLaughlin Group	Movie "Born Free: A New Adventure" (1996, Drama) Jonathan Brandis, Ariana Richards.	Movie "Peggy Sue Got Married" (1986) Kathleen Turner. A woman is transported back to her last year in high school.			Recon Revisited	Iron Chef America Chefs compete.	SportsCenter	
13:30	ESPNews	(40) Movie "Bratz Genie Magic" (2006, Comedy) Voices of Tia Mowry, Soleil Moon Frye.	(17) Movie "Fire Birds" (1990, Action) Nicolas Cage, Tommy Lee Jones, Sean Young.	Huckabee	Anthony Bourdain: No Reservations "South Florida"	Fit For Duty	Star Trek: Voyager "Gravity"	SportsCenter	Sports
14:00	Washington Week in Review			FOX Report	Dirty Jobs Hawaiian pharmaceutical plant.	Battleground	Heroes "Six Months Ago"	Sports	
14:30	House Call-Dr. Sanjay Gupta					This Week in the Pentagon			
15:00	Entertainers			Newsroom	Washington's Generals "Daniel Morgan" Daniel Morgan.	Army Newswatch			Sports
15:30						The Grill Sergeants	King of the Hill		
16:00	Life on the Way	Honey We're Killing the Kids Fried-food diet.		Glenn Beck	The Chris Matthews Show	Sun City Soldier	That '70s Show		
16:30					ESPNNews	Recon	The King of Queens		
17:00	Love Worth Finding	SpongeBob SquarePants	Movie "The Last of the Mohicans" (1992) Daniel Day-Lewis. Cooper's frontier tale of Hawkeye, Chingachgook and Uncas.	Newsroom	20/20	FNG Useful benefits.	Everybody Loves Raymond		
17:30	The Pure Life "Virginity"	The Fairly OddParents				Today's Air Force	Eli Stone "Two Ministers"		
18:00	Grand Ole Opry Live	Planet Earth "Caves" Cave habitats.		This Week in the Pentagon	Medium "Apocalypse ... Now?"	Fit For Duty			
18:30				All Hands TV		Recon Revisited	Dirty Sexy Money "The Family Lawyer"		Sports
19:00	MotorWeek	So You Think You Can Dance Top 20 dancers are chosen.	(40) Movie "The Legend of Bagger Vance" (2000, Drama) Will Smith, Matt Damon. A mystical caddy helps an ex-golfer regain his swing.	Today	Kitchen Nightmares "Trobianos"	This Week in the Pentagon	Dr. 90210 "Buttcks Are a Girl's Best Friend" Anniversary.		
19:30	At the Movies					National Guard News			
20:00	Digging for the Truth The Chavin rule ancient Peru.					Around the Services	Seinfeld "The Ticket"	Outside the Lines	Sports
20:30						Around the Services	Friends	Sports Reporters	
21:00	Ghost Ships	90210 Annie and Ethan's relationship becomes strained.		CBS News Sunday Morning	Headline News	Around the Services	Law & Order "Monster"	Sports	Sports
21:30		Touched by an Angel "The Wind Beneath My Wings"			Saturday Night Live				
22:00	Anthony Bourdain: No Reservations "South Florida"	Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman "Woman of the Year"	Movie "The Recruit" (2003) Al Pacino, Colin Farrell.	Face the Nation					
22:30									
23:00	Dirty Jobs Hawaiian pharmaceutical plant.								
23:30									

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YOUR MONEY

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Rick NEASE
MCT



Setting Social Security straight

Analysts discuss ways to fix program's gloomy forecast

By BOB MOOS

The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — Social Security has some grim news for John Ansbach of Dallas and other members of Generation X. If the system continues on its current course, it won't have enough money to pay full benefits by the time they retire.

Ansbach, born in 1971, will be eligible for full retirement benefits at 67, in 2038.

But the government trustees who monitor Social Security's long-term financial soundness recently reported that the system will use up its trust funds by 2037 and have only enough from its tax collections to pay beneficiaries 76 cents on every dollar.

Still, Ansbach, general counsel of EFA Data Processing in Frisco, Texas, isn't fazed by that gloomy forecast. As a member of the fiercely independent Generation

X, born between 1965 and 1980, he says he's never had much faith in Social Security's ability to keep its long-range promises.

Experts expect the trustees' latest report will put new pressure on the Obama administration and Congress to make a midcourse correction in Social Security so that workers in their 30s and 40s, like

Ansbach, can have more confidence in the system.

There are dozens of ways that lawmakers could go, but options raised by research groups include lifting the cap on workers' taxable earnings, gradually increasing the full retirement age and scaling back annual inflation adjustments.

Some administration officials, such as Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner, and congressional leaders, like House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer, D-Md., say they could start work on Social Security as soon as they finish with health-care reform.

The Senate Aging Committee has also scheduled a hearing for this month to take up the issue.

Stabilizing Social Security's finances will be much easier than overhauling the health-care system, analysts predict.

"The policy options have long been known. This is a matter of making choices," said Dennis Ippolito, an expert on the federal budget and chairman of the political science department at Southern Methodist University.

"Social Security will be around for future generations, though it will be less generous," he said.

The program's woes are only partly a result of the nation's 78 million aging baby boomers, the oldest of whom became eligible for early retirement benefits at 62 last year. The problems also stem from people living longer.

To set Social Security's finances straight, the Obama administration and Congress will need to raise more revenue from workers, scale back the growth of benefits or pursue a combination of the two, experts say.

Because of the thrashing the market has given 401(k)s in the last year, almost all analysts agree that the private retirement savings accounts advocated by the Bush administration four years ago are off the table this time.

"Acting sooner rather than later on Social Security is in everyone's interest," said Bruce Schobel, president-elect of

the American Academy of Actuaries.

"The earlier we begin, the more options we'll have," he said. "If we wait until we're staring at bankruptcy, the only recourse will be an immediate tax increase. Benefit cuts can reap big savings over time, but not in the short run."

The actuaries propose a later retirement age as part of any reform package.

"This is primarily a demographic problem that demands a demographic solution," Schobel explained.

As a result of Social Security's last major reform in 1983, the full retirement age is increasing from 65 to 67 over three decades. But it will hold at 67 for workers born after 1959. The actuaries want it to go higher.

"As long as notice is given far enough in advance and the increase is phased in over a number of years, a higher retirement age shouldn't surprise anyone," Schobel said. "People will be able to plan for it."

Lawmakers are also likely to discuss raising the cap on wages subject to Social Security payroll taxes beyond the automatic annual increases so that higher-earning

workers would pay more, said Melissa Favreault, a sociologist at the Urban Institute.

The cap — \$106,800 in 2009 — was once set at an amount that taxed 90 percent of all wages, but it has slipped to 83 percent

because earnings at the top of the economic ladder have risen faster than average wages, she said.

The recession will probably help the Obama administration and Congress gain public support for shoring up Social Security, said Jacqueline Angel, a professor of public affairs and sociology at the University of Texas at Austin.

"As the market has devastated nest eggs, millions of Americans are relying more on Social Security than they had once planned," she said. "More than ever, people realize we've got to protect this source of retirement income."



Hoyer



Geithner

Don't let silence kill your chances of landing a great job

It is not a new concept by any stretch of the imagination.

Emily Dickinson said: "Saying nothing ... sometimes says the most." Fast forward a few years to 1988 and country singer Keith Whitley claimed, "you say it best when you say nothing at all." In 1995, Gene Hackman applauded Denzel Washington in the action-drama movie "Crimson Tide" for knowing when "to shut up and enjoy the view" when "most egg-heads would talk it away."

On the surface, they weren't referring to that awkward silence that often occurs in a job interview. However, there just might be a kernel or two of comparison to consider.

Anyone who has endured a painful mo-

ment of unnerving nothingness in an interview can understand the dilemma at hand. How should you handle the situation? Fill the void with inane chatter or suffer silently?

Job Talk



Janet I. Farley

Silence, intentional or not, may happen in a job interview for a couple of reasons.

Incompetence is one reason. Just because someone is interviewing you for a job doesn't mean that he is skilled in the process.

Lack of obvious chemistry is another reason. Let's face it. Sometimes it's clear from the beginning that you and the employer just aren't a match.

And then of course there is your basic distraction action, a close relative of incompetence. A telephone rings. A co-worker interrupts. A totally unrelated "ah-

ha!" moment occurs deep in the recesses of the employer's mind.

Who knows why those untimely hushed moments really happen. They just do, and how you handle them can make a big difference.

Here are two options to consider:

Option one: Do nothing. You can outlast the deafening silence and, as a result, come across as a confident individual not intimidated by a little quiet. You are a bold, audacious risk-taking, silence-loving warrior.

Option two: Open your mouth. The key, however, is not to insert your foot as a result. Instead, reiterate a recent and relevant point or ask an intelligent question to resuscitate the conversation.

There is also a third option to consider: Before you go to the interview, prepare for it.

Practice answering basic interview

questions in advance. Prepare thoughtful answers and be able to offer them up on demand.

Do your homework on the company before you show up. Know who the main players are as well as their management style. Have a firm grasp on the company mission and goals. Be well versed in any related headlines beforehand. Just looking through the company literature in the waiting room before the interview isn't sufficient.

Investigate the company as if you were going to invest money in it because if you are actually hired, you will be investing your valuable time and expecting a financial return as well.

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YOUR MONEY

Survey finds patients trying to save money are getting sicker

By CHEN MAY YEE
Star Tribune (Minneapolis)

More people are canceling doctors' appointments, leaving prescriptions unfilled and skipping screenings to save money, according to a national survey of family doctors.

As a result, more patients are winding up with health problems that could have been prevented, the American Academy of Family Physicians said in its report.

The academy e-mailed more than 8,000 doctors, asking questions about the effects of the recession, and 505 doctors completed the survey in March and April.

Seventy-three percent of doctors who responded said more patients are cutting prescription dosages. Sixty percent said they had seen more health problems caused by patients skipping preventive care and 58 percent reported more canceled appointments.

"The findings are troubling," said Dr. Ted Epperly, the academy's president.

Dr. Glenn Nemec, a family doctor at Monticello Clinic northwest of Minneapolis, said he's seeing the same trends locally.

Nemec sees three to five patients a day who have stopped taking their medication or otherwise reduced care for a chronic condition. Before, it was one a day.

The consequences can be life-threatening. Nemec estimates that about a dozen of his patients have been hospitalized in the last three months as a result. They included diabetics, patients with congestive heart failure, patients

with chronic lung disease and one patient hospitalized for a bleeding ulcer after he stopped taking his ulcer prevention medication.

"Everybody said medicine is recession-proof and for the most part, that was the case," Nemec said. But the recent advent of higher co-pays and deductibles means that, for patients, "money's coming out of their pockets ... a little more directly."

Nemec, who has been practicing for 25 years, said, "This is the worst I've seen it."

Such surveys are useful for highlighting problems but don't offer broad conclusions because "you're asking an opinion," said Dr. Pat Courneya, a family doctor and medical director at HealthPartners.

It's too soon to see the effects of skipping screenings such as colonoscopies and mammograms, if there are any, he said.

Courneya said he suspects the threat of job loss — and loss of health insurance — may actually act as a motivator for some people to stay well.



Closing credit card accounts may hurt rating

Dear Liz: I have paid off my credit card bills each month for years, and I am becoming increasingly frustrated with credit card requirements. I canceled an American Express card because a fee was about to be imposed.

Yet most articles on credit cards say that one should never cancel a card. In a recent column in my local paper, you wrote that applying for a new card could ding my credit. So now I can't cancel a card or get a new one without harming my credit rating? Where is the logic in this? Should I just cancel all of my cards and go back to paying by debit card and checks?

Answer: Probably not, because another thing that can hurt your credit is not using credit. In order to judge your creditworthiness, the scoring formulas need to see how you've handled credit in the past. If you stop using credit entirely, eventually your credit reports will stop generating credit scores.

That doesn't mean you have to carry credit card balances. Using cards as you have been, as a convenience only, is a great way to keep your credit scores in shape without paying unnecessary interest.

You need to keep in mind that credit scoring formulas were designed for lenders, not consumers. Credit scores' primary purpose is to predict a borrower's risk of default, and their logic is based on identifying the behaviors that increase that risk.

Because both opening and closing accounts are associated with a higher risk of default, both actions may hurt your scores.

That doesn't mean you should never open or close an account, but you should do both sparingly and not when you're in the market for a major loan.

Dear Liz: I was disappointed with your answer to the person who wanted to settle student loan debt for less than what he owed, even though he had a windfall that would allow him to pay the balance in full. This person presumably benefited from the education that these loans provided and now could afford to pay them back. Why did you offer advice that would allow him to avoid that responsibility?

Answer: As you'll recall, the writer originally borrowed \$50,000 in federal student loans almost two decades previously but had received an annual for-

bearance ever since. Forbearance indicates the writer suffers some kind of ongoing, demonstrable hardship such as poor health, partial disability or inadequate income.

The unpaid balance had swelled to \$155,000 because of interest and fees. Although the windfall would allow him to pay the debt in full, it wasn't clear whether the problem that caused the need for the forbearance had disappeared. If not, then conserving some of

the windfall might be a prudent option.

Money Talk



Liz Pulliam Weston

There are those who believe that paying the full balance of any debt is a sacred obligation, no matter how much damage such an action may do to a person's financial future. Others would allow that there are shades of gray and that past and future obligations must be weighed against each other.

In any case, the writer isn't going to be able to settle the debt for pennies on the dollar, as he might be able to do with other bills, such as credit card debt. Settling student loan debt is tough, because the Department of Education has many tools to force borrowers to pay.

As the previous column noted, what the department might be willing to do is forgive some of the accumulated interest and fees, according to student loan expert Mark Kantrowitz of FinAid (www.finaid.org).

Dear Liz: Do you foresee the \$8,000 tax credit for first-time home buyers extending beyond the current Dec. 1 deadline?

Answer: When it comes to taxes, nobody has a crystal ball. You'd be smart to take advantage of the credit now if you're financially able to buy a home and willing to stay put for a while rather than hope the credit will be extended and be disappointed.

If you're not ready to buy a home, though, no tax incentive should rush you into the purchase prematurely. Savvy buyers make sure they have a decent down payment (10 percent is good, 20 percent is better), that they can afford the payments using a 30-year, fixed-rate loan and that after closing costs are paid they still have savings equal to at least three mortgage payments.

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THURSDAY'S MARKET SUMMARY

INDEXES

52-week		Name	Last	Net Chg	%	YTD % Chg	52-wk
High	Low						Chg
12,638.08	6,469.95	Dow Jones Industrials	8,750.24	+74.96	+0.86	-30	-30.58
5,492.95	2,134.21	Dow Jones Transportation	3,338.74	+54.38	+1.66	-56	-39.22
528.07	288.66	Dow Jones Utilities	344.88	+2.72	+0.79	-68	-34.23
9,408.76	4,181.75	NYSE Composite	6,110.76	+76.86	+1.27	+6	-35.05
2,379.19	1,130.47	Amex Index	1,627.00	+11.05	+0.68	+16	-31.31
2,549.94	1,265.52	Nasdaq Composite	1,850.02	+24.10	+1.32	+17	-27.45
1,404.05	666.79	S&P 500	942.46	+10.70	+1.15	+4	-32.88
897.37	397.97	S&P MidCap	596.94	+8.06	+1.37	+10	-33.47
14,339.97	6,772.29	Wilshire 5000	9,675.21	+116.26	+1.22	+6	-32.53
764.38	342.59	Russell 2000	531.67	+8.96	+1.71	+6	-30.34

NYSE

Most Active (\$1 or more)		Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Vol (00)	Chg				
3050810	11.87	Hemiphx	373233	3.75	+1.20
2258824	3.57	PSCrudeB n	213257	4.54	+3.31
1956386	4.41	Oilands g	40507	1.16	+1.11
1945153	94.53	NthmT g	34845	2.31	+1.15
1788643	10.52	EldorGld g	32298	9.52	-0.02
1578018	12.43	Novagld g	30709	5.47	+4.46
999404	35.65	GokStR g	27500	2.18	+1.13
874954	5.50	Tasako	24447	1.88	+0.07
829165	6.36	GranTrra g	24337	3.21	+2.26
709265	25.10	GrtBsg g	20372	1.67	+0.05

AMEX

Most Active (\$1 or more)		Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Vol (00)	Chg				
3050810	11.87	Hemiphx	373233	3.75	+1.20
2258824	3.57	PSCrudeB n	213257	4.54	+3.31
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709265	25.10	GrtBsg g	20372	1.67	+0.05

NASDAQ

Most Active (\$1 or more)		Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Vol (00)	Chg				
988949	7.00	FifthThird	80019	4.05	+0.09
829318	36.74	PwShs OQO	748225	4.42	+1.13
471656	16.13	Intel	398875	21.83	+1.10
398875	21.83	Microsoft	394292	19.67	+3.31
38758	11.76	WindRvr	350986	7.20	-2.22
318454	14.84	SDynam			

EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Japanese yen (June 8)	94.00
South Korean won (June 8)	1,213.00
Euro costs (June 8)	\$1.4558
Dollar buys (June 8)	€ 0.6869
British pound (June 8)	\$1.67

Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3770
Canada (Dollar)	\$1.6018
China (Yuan)	1.1122
Denmark (Krone)	6.8335
Egypt (Pound)	5.3107
Euro	5.5985
Hong Kong (Dollar)	\$1.4025/0.7130
Hungary (Forint)	7.7509
Israel (Shekel)	205.55
Japan (Yen)	3.9640
Kuwait (Dinar)	97.80
Norway (Krone)	0.2886
Philippines (Peso)	6.3905
Poland (Zloty)	47.21
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.26
Singapore (Dollar)	3.7502
South Korea (Won)	1.4517
Switzerland (Franc)	1.2423
Thailand (Baht)	1.0828
Turkey (New Lira)	34.23
(Military exchange rates are those available to customers at military banking facilities in the country of issuance for Japan, South Korea, Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. For nonlocal currency exchange rates (i.e., purchasing British pounds in Germany), check with your local military banking facility. Commercial rates are interbank rates provided for reference when buying currency. All figures are foreign currencies to one dollar, except for the British pound, which is represented in dollars-to-pound, and the euro, which is dollars-to-euro.)	

PRECIOUS METALS

New York Merc close	
Gold	\$981.20
Silver	\$15.883

INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	3.25
Discount rate	0.50
Federal funds market rate	0.00-0.25
3-month bill	0.13
30-year bond	4.58

Sources: Bank of America, The Associated Press

KEY DEFENSE STOCKS

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	%Chg	YTD
Alliant Technologies	20	88.30	+1.29	+3.0		
Boeing	1.68	18	50.57	+2.20	+18.5	
Computer Sciences	6	43.72	+3.39	+24.4		
General Dynamics	1.52	9	59.10	+5.1	+2.6	
General Electric	40	9	13.75	+2.5	+15.1	
Halliburton	36	15	22.83	+2.6	+25.6	
Harris Corp.	80	13	30.96	+6.2	+14.0	
Allied Signal	1.21	10	35.48	+8.1	+8.1	
L-3 Communications	1.40	10	73.60	+1.3	-2	
Lockheed Martin	2.28	11	84.50	+12.6	+5	
Northrop	1.72	11	48.18	+6.1	+7.0	
Raytheon	1.21	11	45.02	+2.0	+11.8	
Rockwell Intl.	1.16	11	32.78	+3.2	+1.7	
Texas Instruments	44	21	28.08	+1.3	+29.4	
Textron Inc.	08	9	12.27	+8.9	+11.5	
United Technologies	1.54	12	55.13	+4.4	+2.9	

KEY MUTUAL FUNDS

Name	NAV	Chg.	%Chg.	YTD
Fidelity Invest: GroCo	56.67	+9.1	+15.7	
Fidelity Spartan: EqldInv	33.47	+3.8	+5.7	
Fidelity Invest: USBI	10.76	-0.7	+1.5	
Fidelity Invest: GroInc	13.66	+1.9	+4.0	
Fidelity Invest: Oversea	27.33	+1.4	+9.0	
Fidelity Invest: AMgr50	12.20	+0.7	+13.2	
Amer Century Inv: Ultra	16.22	+1.6	+12.2	
Putnam Funds A: GrInA p	10.01	+1.3	+7.2	
AIM Investments A: ChartA p	12.77	+1.2	+10.0	
AIM Investments A: Const p	17.48	+0.6	+3.8	
Frank/Tenn Fmk A: SMCpGrA	23.79	+1.6	+17.2	
DWS Invest S: GroIncS	11.94	+1.5	+9.4	
Fidelity Advisor T: EqnT	17.63	+3.1	+4.4	
Fidelity Advisor T: GroppT	22.94	+3.7	+20.5	
Fidelity Advisor T: GroppT	38.44	+2.2	+10.9	
Putnam Funds A: GIBEq p	6.96	+0.4	+9.3	
Lord Abbett A: DevGTA p	13.09	+2.4	+23.4	
Fidelity Advisor T: OverseaT	14.32	+0.6	+6.6	
DWS Invest S: CorPInsc	9.80	+0.3	+3.1	

Wikipedia blocks Church of Scientology

Online encyclopedia bans some followers, critics from faith's entry

By KATE LINTHICUM
Los Angeles Times

The Internet encyclopedia Wikipedia has blocked all contributions from computers at the Church of Scientology's Los Angeles headquarters to stop users there from revising articles to reflect a pro-Scientology viewpoint.

The site also has banned some critics of the controversial religion from editing Scientology articles to avoid fanning the flames of a long-standing battle between the two groups, a Wikipedia spokesman said.

The decision made last week has generated an outcry among some bloggers who worry that Wikipedia, the eighth most popular site on the Web, is stifling free speech.

But the process is routine. Wikipedia may pride itself as a beacon of online egalitarianism, but it bans hundreds of users each day.

According to Dan Rosenthal, a spokesman for English Wikipedia, around 300 users are blocked or banned from the site daily for vandalism or breaking rules designed to keep people with an

agenda from propagandizing.

The Scientology decision was made after hundreds of articles relating to the religion became virtual battlegrounds. Rosenthal said that the Church of Scientology — using multiple accounts — was locked in a fierce edit war with critics.

Six months ago, the Scientology case was brought before Wikipedia's arbitration committee, a body of volunteer editors elected by users to resolve disputes. It decided that both camps deserved punishment.

Several Internet addresses corresponding to computers at the Church of Scientology were banned, along with 40 registered users from both sides of the debate. All but one of the banned users has successfully petitioned Wikipedia to have their editing privileges reinstated, Rosenthal said. The Church of Scientology has not.

Karin Pouw, a spokeswoman for the church, said she was not aware of any Wikipedia editing by church members, but she did not complain about the decision. "This is a routine internal action by Wikipedia to clean up its edit-

ing process," Pouw said.

She added she was glad that the site had banned Scientology critics, who were engaged in "biased editing for the purposes of antagonism as opposed to providing accurate information."

In a post on Foreign Policy's Web site, technology blogger Evgeny Morozov wondered whether "Wikipedia's decision opens Pandora's box."

"Why allow Christians to edit articles on Christianity?" he asked.

Rosenthal defended Wikipedia's practice, saying the site "is not in the business of blocking specific organizations." "But if there is a history of violators linked to an ... address, we'll go ahead and block them," he said. "If you don't want to play by the rules, go home," he said.

In 2006, Wikipedia temporarily blocked certain Capitol Hill Web addresses when it was revealed that congressional aides had been deleting references to unmet campaign promises. This year, bloggers alleged that the site blocked computers at the Department of Justice for removing references to certain terrorist groups.

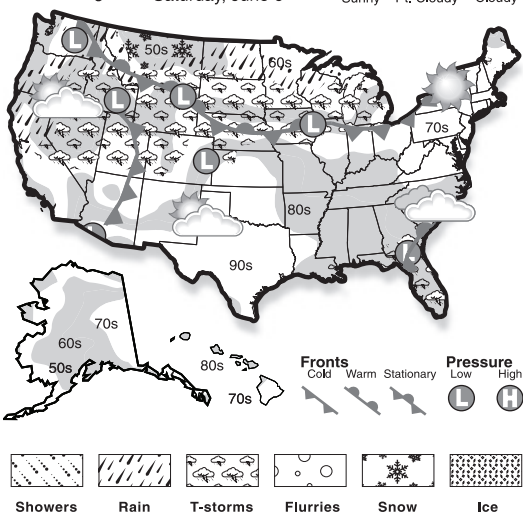


This screen shot from online encyclopedia Wikipedia shows an entry about Scientology. The online encyclopedia has blocked all contributions from computers at the Church of Scientology at its Los Angeles headquarters to stop users there from revising articles to reflect a pro-Scientology viewpoints.

WEATHER OUTLOOK

National forecast

Forecast highs for Saturday, June 6



Storms Continue Across The Nation

Low pressure will move into the Rockies, bringing chances for thunderstorms to much of the Northwest and Northern Plains. In the East, calmer weather is anticipated as a cold front moves into the Atlantic.

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Yesterday's global temperatures

City, Hi Lo Weather	La Paz, 59 23 clr
Amsterdam, 57 45 rn	Lima, 69 62 cdy
Athens, 78 62 pc	Lisbon, 75 64 clr
Auckland, 55 33 clr	London, 66 46 clr
Baghdad, 109 77 clr	Madrid, 85 61 clr
Basra, 115 86 pc	Managua, 93 82 clr
Bahrain, 100 88 clr	Manila, 84 75 rn
Bangkok, 88 81 rn	Mecca, 114 69 clr
Barbados, 87 79 pc	Melbourne, 60 48 rn
Barcelona, 73 63 clr	Mexico City, 78 57 clr
Beijing, 96 60 rn	Montevideo, 62 47 cdy
Beirut, 87 68 clr	Montreal, 66 46 clr
Belgrade, 64 51 rn	Moscow, 62 50 pc
Berlin, 55 46 rn	Nairobi, 78 35 pc
Bermuda, 79 72 pc	Nassau, 85 76 rn
Bogota, 66 51 rn	New Delhi, 107 87 clr
Brasilia, 78 52 clr	Nice, 74 63 pc
Brisbane, 69 58 rn	Osaka, 77 66 rn
Brussels, 58 46 clr	Oslo, 48 40 rn
Bucharest, 77 48 clr	Panama, 89 73 pc
Budapest, 66 51 pc	Paris, 64 48 pc
Buenos Aires, 65 50 clr	Perth, 64 45 rn
Cairo, 98 74 clr	Prague, 56 43 pc
Calgary, 70 45 pc	Rio de Janeiro, 71 59 clr
Caracas, 91 78 pc	Rome, 77 60 pc
Colombo, 87 82 rn	San Jose, 86 67 rn
Copenhagen, 61 41 rn	San Juan, 88 76 pc
Dhahran, 113 78 clr	San Salvador, 89 68 rn
Dhaka, 93 77 clr	Santiago, 72 41 pc
Dili, 91 71 clr	Sao Paulo, 69 46 pc
Dubai, 96 78 clr	Sapporo, 68 57 rn
Dublin, 64 39 pc	Seoul, 77 60 pc
Frankfurt, 59 48 pc	Singapore, 88 76 rn
Geneva, 75 50 clr	Sofia, 75 49 pc
Guatemala, 75 60 rn	Stockholm, 46 41 rn
Hanoi, 93 73 pc	Sydney, 64 55 rn
Harare, 72 48 clr	Taipei, 80 71 rn
Havana, 89 71 rn	Tegucigalpa, 86 60 pc
Helsinki, 47 42 rn	Tehran, 84 64 clr
Hong Kong, 87 78 rn	Tel Aviv, 92 68 pc
Islamabad, 104 82 pc	Tokyo, 73 66 pc
Istanbul, 69 62 rn	Turin, 81 57 clr
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Golf roundup

Birdie binge boosts Donald to Memorial lead

The Associated Press

DUBLIN, Ohio — Tiger Woods hardly missed a fairway, a big improvement. Luke Donald hardly missed a putt, and that was far more rewarding Thursday in the Memorial.

Donald set a tournament record by taking only 20 putts, allowing him to tie a tournament record by opening with an 8-under 64 and a three-shot lead over a group that included Jim Furyk and Jason Day, who bogeyed his last two holes.

What seemed like a normal round at Muirfield Village turned extraordinary for Donald when he rapped in a 12-foot birdie putt from the fringe on the par-3 eighth hole, starting a streak of six consecutive birdies. He one-putted nine consecutive holes until a routine par on the 18th hole to match the lowest opening round in the Memorial.

"It was just kind of a normal, everyday round until I got to the eighth and made a nice putt from the fringe," Donald said. "Just really got on a hot streak."

Woods went with a slightly higher loft on his driver (10 degrees) and continued to make strides with his swing. He didn't miss a fairway until his 3-wood on the 18th hole deflected off a tree and landed in a bunker. Woods finished with a 69, missing an 8-foot par putt on the final hole. His other bogey came on a three-putt at the 13th.

"Everything felt pretty good to some degree," Woods said. "My swing felt good. Even my putting stroke felt good. A couple of bad pitches here and there, but overall, I felt like I controlled the ball well all day."

Furyk, who won the Memorial seven years ago, birdied three of his final four holes for a 67. He was joined by Day, Ted Purdy and Thomas Aiken.

LPGA Tour: At Springfield, Ill., Hall of Famer Se Ri Pak shot a bogey-free 6-under 66 for a share of the first-round lead with fellow South Korean Jee Young Lee in the State Farm Classic on Thursday.

A five-time major winner, Pak is seeking her first top-10 finish in 10 starts this year. If she does, it'll come against a field that features 49 of the LPGA Tour's top 50 money-winners.

Kris Tamulis opened with a 67, and Natalie Gulbis, Suzann Pettersen and Anja Monke shot 68s at Panther Creek in the final tuneup for the LPGA Classic next week at Bulle Rock in Maryland.

Cristie Kerr and Paula Creamer were in a large group at 69, and Michelle Wie shot a 70. Kraft Nabisco winner Brittany Lincicome was in danger of missing the cut after opening with a 75.

Pak, however, was on target.

Seeking her 25th tour victory and first since the 2007 Jamie Farr Classic, she had six birdies — three on the final four holes — in tying her lowest round this year.

"Lately, my game's been getting pretty settled down — getting closer and closer each week," said



Tiger Woods follows his tee shot during the first round of the Memorial on Thursday. Woods shot a 69, five shots off the pace set by Luke Donald.

JAY LAPRETE/AP

Pak, who has finished no higher than 13th this year and is 44th on the money list.

With the season's second major coming up next week, the timing

is pretty good. Pak won the 2006 event at Bulle Rock, beating Karrie Webb in a playoff.

European Tour: At Newport, Wales, Richie Ramsay of Scot-

land shot a 4-under 67 on Friday to lead the Wales Open after the second round, and U.S. Ryder Cup captain Corey Pavin made the cut with help from the weather.

Ramsay was at 7-under 135 to lead Robert Rock (68) and Ross Fisher (66) of England by one stroke. Ramsay won the 2006 U.S. Amateur title and is on his first full year on tour.

"I didn't miss a green and I was mostly inside 10 or 12 feet," Ramsay said. "I missed three birdie putts inside 6 feet."

Pavin shot a second consecutive 72 at Celtic Manor and looked

likely to be outside the cutoff. Instead, the sky darkened, rain fell and scores rose during the afternoon, leaving the 1993 U.S. Open champion safe for the weekend.

"I didn't play well my first 10 holes. I think I hit one fairway, and short and crooked is a bad combination," Pavin said.

European Ryder Cup captain Colin Montgomerie was in contention after a second successive 69.

First-round co-leader David Frost shot 76, 10 worse than his first round.



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SCOREBOARD

Sports on AFN

Sunday

AFN-Atlantic, 1 a.m.—College baseball: NCAA tournament, super regional, Arkansas vs. Florida State or Virginia vs. Mississippi.

AFN-Xtra, 2 a.m.—MLB: Kansas City at Toronto.

AFN-Atlantic, 4 a.m.—Golf: PGA The Memorial, third round.

AFN-Xtra, 5 a.m.—MLB: Minnesota at Seattle.

AFN-Sports, 6:30 a.m.—Horse racing: 141st Belmont Stakes.

AFN-Atlantic, 7 a.m.—College baseball: NCAA tournament, super regional, Texas Christian vs. Texas.

AFN-Xtra, 8:30 a.m.—Auto racing: NASCAR Nationwide Federated Auto Parts 300.

AFN-Sports, 9 a.m.—NHL playoffs: Stanley Cup finals, Pittsburgh at Detroit, Game 5.

AFN-Atlantic, 10 a.m.—College baseball: NCAA tournament, super regional, Clemson vs. Arizona State.

AFN-Xtra, 11:30 a.m.—MLS: Seattle at CD Chivas USA.

AFN-Xtra, 2 p.m.—WNBA: Detroit at Los Angeles (dld).

AFN-Xtra, 4 p.m.—MLB: Tampa Bay at N.Y. Yankees (dld).

AFN-Sports, 6 p.m.—NHL playoffs: Stanley Cup finals, Pittsburgh at Detroit, Game 5 (dld).

AFN-Xtra, 7 p.m.—MLB: Philadelphia at L.A. Dodgers (dld).

AFN-Sports, 10 p.m.—Tennis: French Open, men's singles championship, Robin Soderling vs. Roger Federers.

AFN-Xtra, 10 p.m.—Auto racing: IndyCar Bombardier Learjet 550 (dld).

Monday

AFN-Atlantic, 1 a.m.—College baseball: NCAA tournament, super regional, Arkansas vs. Florida State or East Carolina vs. North Carolina.

AFN-Xtra, 1 a.m.—Soccer: Honduras vs. U.S. men (dld).

AFN-Xtra, 3 a.m.—Auto racing: NASCAR Sprint Cup Pocono 500.

AFN-Sports, 3:30 a.m.—Golf: PGA The Memorial, final round.

AFN-Atlantic, 4 a.m.—College baseball: NCAA tournament, super regional, Virginia vs. Mississippi or Texas Christian vs. Texas.

AFN-Xtra, 8 a.m.—College baseball: NCAA tournament, super regional, Rice vs. LSU or Southern Mississippi vs. Florida.

AFN-Atlantic, 9 a.m.—MLB: Philadelphia at L.A. Dodgers.

AFN-Sports, 9 a.m.—NBA playoffs: NBA Finals, Orlando at L.A. Lakers, Game 2.

AFN-Xtra, 11 a.m.—College baseball: NCAA tournament, super regional, Louisville vs. Cal State-Fullerton or Clemson vs. Arizona State.

AFN-Sports, 4 p.m.—MLB: Philadelphia at L.A. Dodgers (dld).

AFN-Xtra, 4 p.m.—MLB: L.A. Angels at Detroit (dld).

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Boxing

Fight schedule

June 12

At HP Pavilion, San Jose, Calif., Robert Guerrero, Gilroy, Calif., vs. Johnnie Edwards, Jacksonville, N.C., 10, super featherweights.

At Palms Casino Resort, Las Vegas, Clarence Adams, Las Vegas, vs. Alex Baba, Doraville, Ga., 10, featherweights.

June 13

At Madison Square Garden, New York, Miguel Cotto, Puerto Rico, vs. Joshua Clottey, Bronx, N.Y., 12, for Cotto's WBO welterweight title; Ivan Calderon, Puerto Rico, vs. Rodel Mayol, Philippines, 12, for Calderon's WBO light flyweight title.

At Mexico City, Juan Palacios, Nicaragua, vs. Erik Ramirez, Mexico, 12, for the interim WBC minimumweight title.

June 19

At Montreal, Adrian Diaconu, Canada, vs. Jean Pascal, Canada, 12, for Diaconu's WBC light heavyweight title.

At Laredo (Texas) Entertainment Center, Fernando Beltran Jr. vs. Monty Meza-Clay, Rankin, Pa., 12, for Beltran's Latino featherweight title.

June 20

At Veracruz, Mexico, Tomas Rojas, Mexico, vs. Rafael Concepcion, Panama, 12, for the vacant interim WBC super flyweight title; Edgar Sosa, Mexico, vs. Carlos Melo, Panama, 12, for Sosa's WBC light flyweight title.

At Rivier Cree Resort and Casino, Edmonton, Alberta, Rye Fields, Edmonton, Alberta, vs. Nicolai Firtha, Akron, Ohio, 12, for the vacant WBC/NABF Native American Boxing Council heavyweight title.

Golf

The Memorial

PGA Tour Thursday

At Muirfield Village Golf Club

Purse: \$6 million

Yardage: 7,366; Par 72 (36-36)

Dublin, Ohio

First Round

Luke Donald	34-30-64	-8
Jim Furyk	33-34-67	-5
Ted Pury	32-35-67	-5
Jason Day	31-36-67	-5
Thomas Aiken	34-34-67	-5
Steve Marino	35-33-68	-4
Stewart Cink	34-34-68	-4
Mark Wilson	35-34-69	-3
Troy Matteson	31-38-69	-3
John Wagner	35-34-69	-3
Kevin Sutherland	36-33-69	-3
Nicholas Thompson	35-34-69	-3
Rod Pampling	33-36-69	-3
Tiger Woods	33-36-69	-3
Mike Weir	33-36-69	-3
Jonathan Byrd	34-35-69	-3
Reinier Saxton	33-36-69	-3
Steve Stricker	35-35-70	-2
Will MacKenzie	36-34-70	-2
Ernie Els	37-33-70	-2
Ryuji Imada	34-36-70	-2
Bubba Watson	34-37-71	-1
David Duval	31-40-71	-1
John Senden	32-39-71	-1
Charley Hoffman	36-35-71	-1
Camilo Villegas	34-37-71	-1
Chez Reavie	36-35-71	-1
Martin Kaymer	36-35-71	-1
Kevin Na	35-36-71	-1
Zach Johnson	36-35-71	-1
Ben Curtis	34-37-71	-1
Tom Lehman	34-37-71	-1
Tom Pernice Jr.	35-36-71	-1
Matt Bettencourt	34-37-71	-1
Jerry Kelly	36-36-72	E
Robert Allenby	37-35-72	E
Davis Love III	38-34-72	E
Geoff Ogilvy	37-35-72	E
Stuart Appleby	37-35-72	E
Mark Calcavecchia	36-36-72	E
Erik Compton	37-35-72	E
Michael Letzig	37-35-72	E
Kenny Perry	36-36-72	E
Daniel Chopra	37-35-72	E
Marc Tursnes	34-38-72	E
Lee Janzen	38-34-72	E
Charl Schwartzel	37-36-73	+1
Rocco Mediate	36-37-73	+1
Paul Casey	36-37-73	+1
Y.E. Yang	36-37-73	+1
Todd Hamilton	37-36-73	+1
Clayton Kress	35-38-73	+1
Clayton Kress	36-37-73	+1
D.J. Trahan	34-39-73	+1
Matthew Goggin	34-39-73	+1
James Nitties	37-36-73	+1
Webb Simpson	35-38-73	+1
K.J. Choi	34-39-73	+1
Dustin Johnson	34-39-73	+1
Nick Watney	37-36-73	+1
Chris DiMarco	36-37-73	+1
Shaun Michael	36-37-73	+1
Nick O'Hern	35-38-73	+1
Bart Bryant	36-37-73	+1
Matt Kuchar	36-37-73	+1
Alex Cejka	37-37-74	+2
Jose Maria Olazabal	35-39-74	+2
Hunter Mahan	37-37-74	+2
Scott McCarron	35-39-74	+2
Richard Sterne	33-41-74	+2
Brett Quigley	37-37-74	+2
Bill Haas	35-39-74	+2
Billy Mayfair	38-36-74	+2
Greg Owen	37-37-74	+2
Marc Leishman	38-37-75	+3
Jeff Quigley	39-37-75	+3
Lucas Glover	36-39-75	+3
Vijay Singh	36-39-75	+3
John Mallingier	38-37-75	+3
Ryan Moore	36-39-75	+3
Tim Herron	39-37-75	+3
Ian Poulter	39-36-75	+3
Charles Howell III	35-40-75	+3
Woody Austin	38-37-75	+3
Mark Brooks	37-39-75	+3
D.A. Points	37-39-75	+3
Jeff Klauk	38-38-76	+4
Billy Andrade	37-39-76	+4
George McNeill	37-39-76	+4
Steve Lowery	37-39-76	+4

Soccer

MLS Eastern Conference

W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Chicago	5	1	6	21	20
D.C.	4	2	7	19	20
Kansas City	4	4	4	16	16
Toronto FC	4	4	4	16	19
Columbus	2	2	7	13	17
New England	3	3	4	13	17
New York	2	8	3	9	12

Western Conference

W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Chivas USA	7	2	3	24	17
Houston	5	2	3	18	14
Seattle	4	2	5	17	15
Colorado	4	2	5	17	15
Los Angeles	1	1	9	12	13
Real Salt Lake	3	6	2	11	15
FC Dallas	2	6	3	9	12
San Jose	2	7	2	8	12

NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie.

Thursday

United 2, Red Bulls 0

New York 0 **0-0** **1-2**

D.C. United **1** **1-2**

First half—1, D.C. United, Quaranta 2 (Friedrich, Emiliano).

Second half—2, D.C. United, Moreno 4 (penalty kick), 48th+.

Goalies—New York, Jon Conway; D.C. United, Josh Wicks.

Yellow Cards—Simms, D.C. United, 27th; Emilio, D.C. United, 60th; Wolyniec, New York, 98th+.

A—11,226 (46,686)

WPS

W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Los Angeles	6	1	3	21	12
Washington	3	2	3	12	15
Boston	3	3	2	11	10
FC Gold Pride	3	5	1	10	9
Chicago	2	3	3	9	7
Saint Louis	2	3	2	8	6
Sky Blue FC	2	4	2	8	6

NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie.

Wednesday's game

Los Angeles 1, Chicago 1, tie

Sunday's games

Sky Blue FC at Saint Louis

Washington at Los Angeles

Chicago at FC Gold Pride

Baseball

NCAA Div. I Super Regionals

(Best-of-three)

The visiting team plays as the home team in Game 2; a coin flip determines home team for Game 3

At Dick Howser Stadium Tallahassee, Fla.

Friday: Arkansas (37-22) vs. Florida State (45-16)

Saturday: Arkansas vs. Florida State

Sunday: Arkansas vs. Florida State*

At Oxford-University Stadium Oxford, Miss.

Friday: Virginia (46-12) vs. Mississippi (43-18)

Saturday: Virginia vs. Mississippi

Sunday: Virginia vs. Mississippi*

At Alex Box Stadium Baton Rouge, La.

Friday: Rice (43-16) vs. LSU (49-16)

Saturday: Rice vs. LSU

Sunday: Rice vs. LSU, if necessary

At Goodwin Field Fullerton, Calif.

Friday: Louisville (47-16) vs. Cal State Fullerton (45-14)

Saturday: Louisville vs. Cal State Fullerton

Sunday: Louisville vs. Cal State Fullerton*

At UFCU Disch-Falk Field Austin, Texas

Saturday: TCU (39-16) vs. Texas (44-13-1)

Sunday: TCU vs. Texas

Monday: TCU vs. Texas*

At McKethan Stadium Gainesville, Fla.

Saturday: Southern Mississippi (38-24) vs. Florida (42-20)

Sunday: Southern Mississippi vs. Florida

Monday: Southern Mississippi vs. Florida*

At Boshamer Stadium Chapel Hill, N.C.

Saturday: East Carolina (46-18) vs. North Carolina (45-16)

Sunday: East Carolina vs. North Carolina

Monday: East Carolina vs. North Carolina*

At Packard Stadium Tempe, Ariz.

Saturday: Clemson (44-20) vs. Arizona State (47-12)

Sunday: Clemson vs. Arizona State

Monday: Clemson vs. Arizona State*

*—If necessary

AP spotlight

June 7

1930 — Gallant Fox, ridden by Earle Sande, wins the Belmont Stakes by three lengths over Whichone, becoming the second horse to capture the Triple Crown.

1941 — Whirlaway, ridden by Eddie Arcaro, becomes the fifth horse to win the Triple Crown by capturing the Belmont Stakes by 2½ lengths over Robert Morris.

1969 — Arts and Letters, ridden by Braulio Baeza, ends Majestic Prince's bid for the Triple Crown with a 5½-length victory in the Belmont Stakes.

1980 — Temperance Hill, a 53-1 long shot ridden by Eddie Maple, wins the Belmont Stakes by two lengths over Genuine Risk.

1986 — Danzig Connection, ridden by Chris McCarron, wins the Belmont Stakes over Johns Treasure to give trainer Woody Stephens his fifth straight Belmont victory.

1998 — Utah breaks the record for fewest points in an NBA game since the inception of the shot clock, losing 96-54 to Chicago in Game 3 of the NBA Finals. It's the highest margin of victory in NBA Finals history. Utah's 54 points breaks the NBA-record of 55 set earlier in the season by Indiana.

2003 — Justine Henin-Hardenne beats Kim Clijsters 6-0, 6-4 in the French Open, in the first all-Belgian Grand Slam final. Henin-Hardenne becomes her nation's first Grand Slam winner.

2004 — Russian Fedotenko scores twice, including the critical first goal, and the resilient Tampa Bay Lightning hold off the Calgary Flames 2-1 in Game 7 to win their first Stanley Cup.

2006 — New Jersey becomes the first state to institute a statewide steroid-testing policy for high school athletes.

2008 — Ana Ivanovic wins her first Grand Slam title by beating Dinara Safina 6-4, 6-3 in the French Open.

2008 — Da' Tara spoils Big Brown's bid for a Triple Crown by winning the Belmont Stakes. Da' Tara, a 38-1 long shot ridden by Alan Garcia, goes wire-to-wire winning by 5 lengths over Denis of Cork and covers the distance in 2:29.65. Big Brown, the 1-4 favorite, is eased up in the homestretch by jockey Kent Desormeaux, finishing so far behind at the end that his margin of defeat isn't even charted.

Deals

Thursday's transactions

BASEBALL

MAJOR LEAGUE **BASEBALL**—Suspended N.Y. Yankees RHP A.J. Burnett six games, pending appeal, and fined him an undisclosed amount for intentionally throwing a pitch in the head area of Texas OF Nelson Cruz on Tuesday. Fined Texas RHP Vicente Padilla an undisclosed amount for intentionally throwing a pitch at N.Y. Yankees 1B Mark Teixeira on Tuesday.

American League

CHICAGO WHITE SOX—Purchased the contract of INF Gordon Beckham from Charlotte (IL). Designated INF Wilson Betemit for assignment.

KANSAS CITY ROYALS—Activated OF Coco Crisp from the bereavement list. Optioned INF Tug Hulet to Omaha (PCL).

National League

COLORADO ROCKIES—Optioned OF Matt Murton to Colorado Springs (PCL). Recalled OF Carlos Gonzalez from Colorado Springs. Designated RHP Jason Grilli for assignment. Recalled RHP Matt Daley from rehabilitation in Colorado Springs.

FLORIDA MARLINS—Placed RHP Anibal Sanchez on the 15-day D.L. Recalled RHP Christian Martinez from Jacksonville (SL). Designated RHP Hayden Penn for assignment. Recalled RHP Tim Wood from New Orleans (PCL). Recalled RHP Rick VandenHurk from rehab, reinstated from the 60-day D.L. and optioned to New Orleans.

ST. LOUIS CARDINALS—Purchased the contract of RHP Jess Todd from Memphis (PCL). Designated RHP Blaine Boyer for assignment.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

NBA—Fined Cleveland F LeBron James \$25,000 for skipping the postgame news conference after Cleveland lost to Orlando on May 30.

NEW ORLEANS HORNETS—Announced G Kevin Brown exercised his option to return to the team for the 2009-10 season.

Women's National Basketball Association

INDIANA FEVER—Released G Tan White and C Danielle Campbell.

LOS ANGELES SPARKS—Waived G Marta Fernandez and F Ashley Paris.

SACRAMENTO MONARCHS—Released G Chanel Allen, G Whitney Boddie and G Morgan Warburton.

SEATTLE STORM—Released G A'Quonesia Franklin and F Aja Parish.

WASHINGTON MYSTICS—Released F Kristen Mann and C Kelly Schumacher.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

ARIZONA CARDINALS—Signed OL Herman Johnson to a three-year contract and S Adrian Wilson to a five-year contract.

ATLANTA FALCONS—Signed G Tyson Clabo and WR Braddon Godfrey. Released LB Brock Christopher.

BALTIMORE RAVENS—Signed TE Davon Drew to three-year contract.

CLEVELAND BROWNS—Announced the resignation of athletic trainer Marty Lauzon. Named Joe Sheehan athletic trainer.

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS—Signed RB Patrick Pass. Released DL Kenny Smith, LB Angelo Craig, RB Omar Cuff and DB Marcus McCClinton.

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS—Signed T Joe Staley to a six-year contract extension.

National Hockey League

ATLANTA THRASHERS—Re-signed D Anssi Salmela to a multiyear contract.

COLORADO AVALANCHE—Named Joe Sacco coach.

NEW YORK RANGERS—Agreed to terms with G Matt Zaba.

ST. LOUIS BLUES—Extended the contracts of trainer Ray Barile, equipment manager Bert Godin, equipment assistant Ray Halle and massage therapist Jeff Wright. Promoted trainer Mike Haneghan from Peoria (AHL) to assistant athletic trainer. Named Joel Farnsworth assistant equipment manager.

COLLEGE

AMERICAN U.—Named Eddie Jackson men's assistant basketball coach, Bryce Simon director of men's basketball operations, David Bierwirth senior associate athletics director for development and special events and Nancy Yashoroff associate athletics director for communications.

ARKANSAS—Announced the resignation of Joe Sheehan as athletic director.

CHATTANOOGA—Announced the resignation of wrestling coach Chris Bono to become assistant wrestling coach at Iowa State.

FRANKLIN PIERCE—Announced the resignation of women's basketball coach David Berwirth to become women's basketball coach at California, Pa.

INDIANA—Named Joe Dubuque assistant wrestling coach.

IPFW—Announced women's basketball G Kayla Drake will transfer from Eastern Kentucky and be eligible for the 2010-11 season.

IOWA STATE—Named Yero Washington assistant wrestling coach.

NEBRASKA—Announced the resignation of men's gymnastics coach Francis Allen, effective July 1.

NORTH CAROLINA—Announced OL Aaron Stahl has left the football program.

SAINT AUGUSTINE'S—Named Daryl McNeill running backs and assistant special teams coach.

SHIPPENSBURG—Named Jeff Michaels acting director of athletics.

French Open

Federer, surprising Swede march to final

By STEVEN WINE
The Associated Press

PARIS — Sentimental favorite Roger Federer did not follow the script Friday in the French Open. He decided to go for high drama instead.

Striving to complete a career Grand Slam, Federer came from behind twice in the semifinals to beat big-serving Juan Martin del Potro 3-6, 7-6 (2), 2-6, 6-1, 6-4.

Playing in his fourth consecutive French Open final, Federer will try for his 14th major title to match Pete Sampras' record.

"There's still one more step," Federer said. "I was a bit lucky but I fought well. Juan Martin was playing really well."

Federer's opponent Sunday will be 23rd-seeded Robin Soderling, The Swede extended his improbable run in the French Open by beating No. 12 Fernando Gonzalez in another seesaw semifinal, 6-3, 7-5, 5-7, 4-6, 6-4.

With nemesis Rafael Nadal eliminated in the fourth round, Federer faces a less daunting path to that elusive French Open championship. He's 9-0 against Soderling.

But then Federer had swept his previous five matches and 12 sets against del Potro. The 6-foot-6 Argentine rose to the occasion in his first major semifinal and kept on the offensive for much of the match before tiring in the fourth set.

Federer broke serve for the first time 2½ hours into the match to lead 3-1. Del Potro lost his next two service games as well, allowing Federer to sweep seven games in a row and take the lead.

By then, Federer was in top form, gliding across the clay that has vexed him in the past. He won a frantic rally and a standing ovation by lunging to slice a forehand into the open court for a 3-1 lead in the fifth set. There were more highlight-reel shots down the stretch, and he closed the match with forehand winners on consecutive points.

Del Potro greeted him at the net with a handshake and a smile.

"I just congratulated him and wished him good luck," del Potro said. "I said everybody wants him to lift the trophy at the end."

In the all-Russian women's final Saturday, top-ranked Dinara Safina will try for her first Grand Slam title against Svetlana Kuznetsova.

Federer trailed for much of the semifinal, struggling to hold serve and unable to break. Sensing his once-a-year opportunity again slipping away, he slapped himself in the face after losing one frantic rally.

Maybe that helped. And maybe he was buoyed by a crowd that kept chanting "Roger! Ro-ger!"

Del Potro made one last charge in the final set, hitting several ferocious shots to break serve for 3-all. But he missed all



BERNAT ARMANGUE/AP photos

His five-set victory over Chile's Fernando Gonzalez complete, Sweden's Robin Soderling, above, is overcome with emotion on center court Friday. At right, Switzerland's Roger Federer pumps himself up during his five-set triumph over Argentina's Juan Martin del Potro.



French Open scoreboard

Friday
At Stade Roland Garros
Paris
Purse: \$21.8 million (Grand Slam)
Surface: Clay-Outdoor
Singles
Men
Semifinals
Robin Soderling (23), Sweden, def. Fernando Gonzalez (12), Chile, 6-3, 7-5, 5-7, 4-6, 6-4.
Roger Federer (2), Switzerland, def. Juan Martin del Potro (5), Argentina, 3-6, 7-6 (2), 2-6, 6-1, 6-4.
Doubles
Women
Championship
Anabel Medina Garrigues and Virginia Ruano Pascual (3), Spain, def. Victoria Azarenka, Belarus, and Elena Vesnina (12), Russia, 6-1, 6-1.
Legends Doubles
Round Robin
Men Under 45
Goran Ivanisevic, Croatia, and Michael Stich, Germany, def. Yevgeny Kafelnikov, Russia, and Thomas Muster, Austria, 6-3, 7-5.
Men Over 45
Anders Jarryd, Sweden, and John McEnroe, United States, def. John Fitzgerald, Australia, and Guillermo Vilas, Argentina, 6-2, 6-3.
Mansour Bahrami, Iran, and Henri Leconte, France, def. Andres Gomez, Ecuador, and Victor Pecci, Paraguay, 6-4, 7-6 (4).

eight first serves in the next game and finally dumped a weary second serve into the net on break point.

"I feel so sad," del Potro said. "I really wanted to be in that final, and now I'm going to have to watch it on TV."

On a cool, cloudy evening, Federer looked out of sorts early, failing to convert two early break points and losing serve at

2-all. He twice fell behind love-40 while serving and shanked an easy overhead, perhaps a sign of nerves.

Federer served better in the second set but his serve was broken when he played a sloppy game to start the third set and again found himself trailing a bigger, younger, more powerful opponent.

One point-blank exchange forced Federer to retrieve three del Potro volleys, and he failed to reach a fourth. Federer hung his head, and as he walked back to the baseline he slapped himself.

A game later, del Potro closed the third set, before Federer mounted his latest comeback. He overcame a two-set deficit to beat Tommy Haas in the fourth round.

Next up: Soderling. He scrambled the draw with his victory Sunday over Nadal, the four-time defending champion. Federer has been beaten in the French Open each of the past four years by Nadal, the past three times in the final.

The Swede is beyond the third round for the first time in 22 career major tournaments, and he'll play in his first clay-court final.

"He deserves it," Federer said. "He's still the one who beat Rafa, who was the man to beat in this tournament."

Against Gonzalez, Soderling let a big lead slip away when he lost his serve in the final game of the third and fourth sets.

He fell behind 3-love and 4-1 in the final set, but down the stretch came up with the kind of shot-making that has carried him through the tournament, and he swept the last five games.

"I had maybe the biggest challenge in tennis right now to beat Nadal here on clay in Paris," the Swede said. "I was still in the tournament, so even though I played a great match, I wanted more. I still feel that way."

The victory over Gonzalez was only his fourth in a five-set match.

"I did a good job of coming back," Gonzalez said. "But Soderling is playing at a really high level. He gets to every ball. I couldn't take him out of position."

The first semifinal had lots of drama, and a little controversy. Gonzalez challenged a call late in the fourth set, contending a shot by Soderling had landed wide, and when the umpire denied his appeal, Gonzalez sat on the disputed mark in the clay to smooth it out.

"I did something for fun," Gonzalez said. "One point doesn't affect a five-set match."

Gonzalez won the game anyway, but played the rest of the match with dirt caked on his shorts. The quality of play was high throughout. Soderling had 74 winners, including 16 aces, and Gonzalez totaled 59 winners, including 22 aces.

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Stern fines LeBron \$25K for media snub

By BRIAN MAHONEY
The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — LeBron James knows he was wrong to snub the Magic and the media, and David Stern decided the NBA was wrong when it didn't punish the MVP for it.

So the commissioner changed his mind and fined James \$25,000 for skipping the postgame news conference after Cleveland lost to Orlando in the Eastern Conference finals.

Stern said Thursday night that he spoke with the Cavaliers star on Wednesday, a day after James had surgery to remove a benign growth near his jaw, and that James admitted he was wrong to not congratulate Orlando's players and coaches after the loss.

"He asked that I express to the media, the Magic and the fans his apology, and particularly the young fans, because he knows he has a responsibility to all of our fans, and that sportsmanship is appropriate whether you win or whether you lose," Stern said near the start of his annual NBA finals news conference.

"He understands why it was necessary for me to fine him \$25,000 for missing the media availability."

The league first said James wouldn't be penalized, citing his usual cooperation with the press. Stern said he reconsidered after thinking about it more.

"Certainly as it related to the media, we have a rule, you guys know that we've had some interesting issues over the years with some of our coaches and the like, and it was inappropriate for me to give someone a pass here," Stern said.

Also:
■ Stern downplayed a congressman's remarks about the league's age limitation rule, noting that there's also an age limit to be elected to Congress.

Rep. Steve Cohen, D-Tenn., sent identical letters to Stern and

union leader Billy Hunter, asking that they scrap the requirement that players be 19 years old and a year out of high school in the next collective bargaining agreement.

"What the congressman didn't understand, and we'll be happy to share our view with him, this is not about the NCAA, this is not an enforcement of some social program, this is a business decision by the NBA, which is we like to see our players in competition after high school," Stern said.

"I don't know why our founders decided that age 25 was good for Congress, but I guess they thought that was about maturity, and for us it's different, it's a kind of basketball maturity."

■ Stern said the league's revenues could drop by as much as 10 percent next season, which league president Joel Litvin said would make a "significant impact" on the salary cap for the 2010-11 season, a summer when James could lead a stellar free agent class.

■ Stern defended the work of his referees, adding they will eventually be helped by expanded instant replay, and said the technical foul system in which players are suspended a game in the post-season after accumulating seven, is working.

■ The commissioner said he believes whoever the next owner of the Bobcats is will see the benefits of keeping the team in Charlotte. He previously hadn't even commented on the news that Bob Johnson said he planned to sell the team after losing millions.

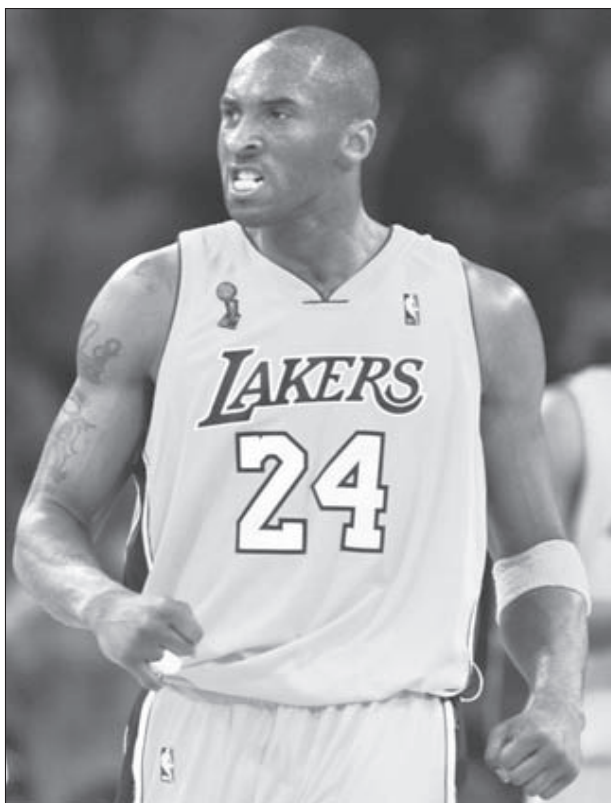
■ Stern also said he would name his labor relations committee next week for collective bargaining negotiations with the players' association. The sides plan talks this summer, even though the current agreement doesn't expire for two years.

Though there are predictions of tense negotiations, Stern said there's "a lot at stake and I'm optimistic" a deal can get done in time to avoid a work stoppage.



AMY SANCETTA/AP

Although the league at first said that he would not be penalized, NBA commissioner David Stern decided that the Cleveland Cavaliers' LeBron James should be punished for not speaking to the media after the Cavs were eliminated from the playoffs.



CHRIS CARLSON/AP

Los Angeles Lakers guard Kobe Bryant is all business as he tries to win his fourth championship. Bryant got off to a good start in Game 1 of the NBA Finals on Thursday night, scoring 40 points as the Lakers defeated the Orlando Magic 100-75.

NBA Finals

Determined Bryant leads Lakers in Game 1 blowout

By TOM WITHERS
The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Kobe Bryant might as well spend the night at Staples Center. So focused on winning an NBA title, he's not much fun to be around these days.

"My kids call me Grumpy from the Seven Dwarfs," the Los Angeles superstar said, flashing maybe the only smile he has shown in days. "That's how I've been at home, just a grouch."

On Thursday night, Bryant turned the Orlando Magic into a bunch of Dopeys.

Disneyland 1, Disney World 0. Bryant had 40 points, eight rebounds and eight assists, and the Lakers took their first step toward redemption after last year's NBA Finals failure against the Boston Celtics by throttling the overwhelmed Magic 100-75 in Game 1.

Bryant, unleashing a year's worth of frustration, dismantled the Magic's defense with his highest scoring effort in 27 games in the finals.

"We only made 23 shots," Orlando's Dwight Howard said. "Kobe made 16 by himself."

This series means more to Bryant than the others. After missing a chance at his fourth championship — and first without former

teammate Shaquille O'Neal — last season, the 30-year-old guard doesn't want another to slip by.

The Olympic gold medal last summer was nice. Not nearly enough.

He wants a ring to go with it. "I just want it so bad, that's all," Bryant said. "I just want it really bad."

Game 2 is Sunday night at star-studded Staples Center, where actors Jack Nicholson, Leonardo DiCaprio and other Hollywood types had front-row seats to see another virtuoso performance by Bryant, who scored 18 points in the third quarter as the Lakers opened a 26-point lead and embarrassed the Magic.

Orlando couldn't stop Bryant. Jumpers, fadeaways, layups. He made them all.

"They were giving me jumpers," Bryant said. "So I took them."

The last time the Lakers were seen in the finals, they were heading toward their locker room in Boston last June and summer break after being drubbed by 39 points by the Celtics in a series-ending Game 6. The renewed rivalry between the league's superpowers never panned out.

Bryant and his teammates have used that humiliation to motivate them all season and throughout these playoffs.

NBA scoreboard

Playoffs

NBA FINALS

(Best-of-seven)

Orlando vs. L.A. Lakers

Lakers lead series 1-0

Thursday: L.A. Lakers at Orlando 75,

Sunday: Orlando at L.A. Lakers

Tuesday: L.A. Lakers at Orlando

Thursday, June 11: L.A. Lakers at Orlando

Sunday, June 14: L.A. Lakers at Orlando

Tuesday, June 16: Orlando at L.A. Lakers

Thursday, June 18: Orlando at L.A. Lakers

*—if necessary

Thursday

Lakers 100, Magic 75

ORLANDO — Turkoglu 3-11 6-6 13, Lewis 2-10 2-2 8, Howard 1-6 10-16 12, Alston 2-9 2-2 6, Lee 3-10 0-0 7, Pietrus 5-13 1-3 14, Battie 1-3 0-0 2, Gortat 2-4 0-0 4, Nelson 3-9 0-0 6, Redick 1-2 0-0 3. Totals 23-77 21-29 75.

L.A. LAKERS — Ariza 1-4 0-0 3, Gasol 7-12 2-2 16, Bynum 3-8 3-4 9, Fisher 4-6 0-0 9, Bryant 16-34 8-8 40, Odom 5-11 1-2 11, Walton 4-5 1-2 9, Farmer 0-3 0-0 0, Vujacic 0-1 0-0 0, Powell 1-2 0-0 3, Brown 0-2 0-0 0, Mbenga 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 41-89 15-18 100.

Orlando 24 19 15 17—75

L.A. Lakers 22 31 29 18—100

Three-Point Goals—Orlando 8-23 (Pietrus 3-5, Lewis 2-4, Redick 1-1, Turkoglu 1-3, Lee 1-4, Nelson 0-2, Alston 0-4), L.A. Lakers 3-9 (Fisher 1-1, Powell 1-1, Ariza 1-2, Bryant 0-1, Farmer 0-1, Odom 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Orlando 49 (Howard 15), L.A. Lakers 64 (Odom 14). Assists—Orlando 10 (Nelson 4), L.A. Lakers 18 (Bryant 8). Total Fouls—Orlando 21, L.A. Lakers 23. A—18,997 (18,997).

Playoff scoring leaders

Through June 4

	G	FG	FT	PTS	AVG
James, CLE	14	159	149	494	35.3
Bryant, LAL	19	200	145	573	30.2
Wade, MIA	7	68	50	204	29.1
Parker, SAN	5	59	22	143	28.6
Anthony, DEN	16	146	119	435	27.2
Nowitzki, DAL	10	88	86	268	26.8
Roy, POR	6	56	40	160	26.7
Gordon, CHI	7	52	49	170	24.3
Iguodala, PHL	6	44	30	129	21.5
Miller, PHL	6	48	28	127	21.2
Howard, ORL	19	141	120	402	21.2

Commentary

Where's LeBron when you need him?

Game 1 of NBA Finals enough to give Stern and viewers heartburn

By TIM DAHLBERG

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — So much for just being anti-climatic. If this keeps up, the NBA Finals could veer toward being simply unwatchable.

Stan Van Gundy surely wanted to put his hands over his eyes in the fourth quarter Thursday night as the Los Angeles Lakers mopped up what was left of his Orlando Magic. He had seen more than enough of Kobe Bryant, more than enough of a surprisingly tough Lakers defense that kept Superman from getting airborne.

"There was nothing I liked," Van Gundy said. "What was there to like?"

David Stern might have said the same thing. The NBA commissioner did his best just before the game to hype the finals as a fitting climax to one of the league's best seasons ever, though he was probably secretly waving the pom-poms for the Kobe-LeBron matchup that never came.

Like it or not, the simple fact is this was not the finals everyone wanted to see. The Magic made sure of that by knocking off one superstar before heading here to take on another.

But at least they figured to make it interesting. How couldn't they, after showing that they knew how to handle a one-man team like the one that surely awaited them in Los Angeles?

The problem wasn't just that the Magic didn't have an answer for Bryant. Not many teams do. They didn't know what to do with the rest of the Lakers either.

The result was a blowout that had to send Nike and ABC executives into a deep funk.



MARK J. TERRILL/AP

Game 1 of the NBA Finals against the Los Angeles Lakers was not a happy occasion for Orlando coach Stan Van Gundy.

The beautiful people at courtside were having a ball, but TVs across the country had to be tuning out by the beginning of the fourth quarter with the Lakers comfortably on their way to a 100-75 rout.

Yes, Bryant was spectacular, taking over the game by scoring 30 points in the second and third quarters. But Orlando had

seen this before with James. Yet just when the Magic were supposed to show they belonged, they rolled over when it counted most.

"I think as a team we came out flat and our energy just wasn't there," Dwight Howard said.

Just why that happened will be the subject of debate over the next few days, and certainly the topic of conversation among Van Gundy and his assistants. They will look at stat sheets that show scary things, like 30 percent team shooting and Howard taking only six shots, making one.

If they look real close, they'll see something else, too. These Lakers may be led by a superstar, but on this night they played like a team.

Give Bryant credit for that, too, even if he didn't draw up the game plan that had Andrew Bynum, Lamar Odom and Pau Gasol creating havoc around Howard. Phil Jackson did that, and it's a big reason why he will most likely end up with a record 10th NBA championship team.

None of that would matter, though, if Bryant wasn't able to take charge when he wanted. He scowled and soared his way to 40 points, and his teammates eagerly climbed on for the ride.

"I just want it so bad, that's all," Bryant said.

James wanted it badly, too, yet Orlando was able to dismiss him and the Cleveland Cavaliers because they matched up well with the rest of the team. If Game 1 was any indication, though, they're going to have trouble with just the sheer amount of talented bodies the Lakers can put in the middle to counter Howard inside.

"We were able to stop the penetration fairly well tonight," Jackson said. "Their inside game, which was a big part of their game, we were exceptional tonight on that."

Van Gundy said before the game that he wasn't intimidated by Jackson and his record in the championship series, and wasn't awed by Jack Nicholson or any of the celebrities courtside. He acknowledged that Bryant could do a lot of damage, but was confident that his team, which jelled at just the right time, believed in its own abilities.

It was a different story in the locker room after the game when he told his players they needed to improve, and so did he. They had to play better and he had to come up with a better game plan if they were to have any hope of evening the series 1-1 Sunday night.

Was it possible that his team, which wasn't supposed to be here, was nervous? Maybe just a bit jittery?

"That's one of the stories that you write ahead of time and you have ready to go if a team doesn't play well," Van Gundy told someone who dared ask that question. "It's the simple cliché psychology stuff that you write."

That's true, but sometimes it really is that simple. Sometimes you don't need to dig any deeper to find out why a team that looked so good last week looked so bad on this night.

One thing that is for certain is that there isn't much time to figure it out.

Another loss on Sunday and the Magic go home with their fate all but sealed.

Magic's Nelson non-factor

By BRIAN MAHONEY

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — All-Star point guard Jameer Nelson returned to the Orlando Magic for Game 1 of the NBA Finals, playing the entire second quarter before struggling in the second half against the Los Angeles Lakers on Thursday night.

Nelson finished with six points on 3-of-9 shooting in 23 minutes in the Magic's 100-75 loss.

"I thought he played well in the second quarter. I was happy. I thought he was getting in the paint on his pick-and-rolls," Magic coach Stan Van Gundy said. "I thought he was making really good plays."

"And then in the second half I didn't think he was very good at all. Made one good play right at the start of the second half, and then I think he was forcing shots and plays after that, turned the ball over. I just didn't think he was very good in the second half."

Nelson started the second quarter, his first action in four months, and provided a quick spark. He assisted on Marcin Gortat's dunk for Orlando's first basket of the period, then fed Rashard Lewis for a three-pointer. Nelson then knocked down a jumper and set up Courtney Lee's layup, giving the Magic a 33-28 lead.

"I felt good. My rhythm was a little off but it was good to be back out there," Nelson said. "I thought I did some good things, and I also thought I did some bad things."

The Magic activated Nelson earlier in the day. He backed up Rafer Alston, acquired in February after Nelson went down with what was expected to be a season-ending shoulder injury.

Van Gundy said the easiest decision would have been to keep Nelson on the sideline to avoid messing with the Magic's chemistry, but he felt his point guard had been making progress every day and it was worth the risk to play him.



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Major League Baseball statistics

Through June 4

American League

TEAM BATTING										
	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	Avg				
Toronto	1985	282	559	56	268	.282				
New York	1903	310	534	85	295	.281				
Los Angeles	1791	251	496	42	238	.277				
Minnesota	1867	277	511	62	261	.274				
Boston	1861	288	510	63	276	.274				
Tampa Bay	1943	312	531	70	296	.273				
Texas	1849	284	502	86	277	.271				
Cleveland	1839	292	522	57	270	.269				
Baltimore	1853	255	496	60	243	.268				
Detroit	1756	265	465	55	251	.265				
Seattle	1836	208	475	47	200	.259				
Chicago	1765	221	447	53	215	.253				
Kansas City	1767	213	438	43	202	.248				
Oakland	1801	224	431	44	214	.239				

INDIVIDUAL BATTING

Based on 174 plate appearances

	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	Avg
Bartlett TB	161	32	60	7	30	.373
McCabe Det	192	34	68	10	38	.354
ISuzuki Sea	204	42	72	5	16	.353
Morneau Min	207	23	72	15	50	.348
VMartinez Cle	214	36	74	9	31	.322
Adames Bal	194	42	67	11	36	.345
MYoung Tex	207	31	70	7	21	.338
Crawford TB	223	43	73	4	26	.327
Pedroia Bos	206	43	67	2	21	.325
Longoria TB	202	38	65	13	55	.322
Kubel Min	171	27	55	7	31	.322
Brayan Sea	166	32	52	12	25	.319
AHill Tor	244	33	77	12	38	.316
ACabrera Cle	206	38	65	2	27	.316
Ellsbury Bos	224	30	70	1	15	.313
Jeter NYY	217	33	68	7	25	.313
Lind Tor	211	32	66	8	38	.313
TorHunter LAA	186	39	58	12	43	.312
Iwamura TB	155	19	48	0	16	.310
Span Min	205	34	63	4	24	.307
Figgins LAA	202	35	62	0	14	.307
Cano NYY	223	38	68	9	32	.305
Lowell Bos	212	25	64	8	36	.302
Konerko CWS	189	25	57	7	33	.302
Rolen Tor	173	27	52	3	18	.301
JRiviera LAA	163	16	49	5	21	.301
Callaspo KC	178	22	53	2	16	.298
Damon NYY	202	43	60	11	33	.297
Choo Cle	195	32	58	7	32	.297
Abreu LAA	175	23	52	2	25	.297
Byrd Tex	169	23	50	3	28	.296
NCruz Tex	190	32	56	16	41	.295
Scutaro Tor	221	43	65	5	26	.294
Markakis Bal	215	38	63	7	40	.293
Barajas Tor	159	18	46	3	27	.289
Butler KC	184	24	53	4	25	.288
Teixeira NYY	194	37	55	16	47	.284
KSuzuki Oak	183	22	52	2	18	.284
BRoberts Bal	219	43	62	6	22	.283
Bay Bos	191	41	54	16	53	.283
Kinsler Tex	213	41	60	14	41	.282
Holliday Oak	193	27	54	7	33	.280
Inge Det	182	33	51	12	35	.280
KMorales LAA	187	21	52	8	32	.278
Dye CWS	180	34	50	14	27	.278
Teahen KC	188	23	52	6	17	.277
Cuddyer Min	185	30	51	9	33	.276
Ordonez Det	178	23	49	2	19	.275
Granderson Det	210	36	57	13	33	.271
FGutierrez Sea	163	22	44	3	19	.270
AHuff Bal	205	24	53	9	26	.268
Rios Tor	229	27	61	7	26	.266
DeRosa Cle	208	35	55	8	34	.264
JHPeralta Cle	186	18	49	2	24	.263
BFrancisco Cle	171	26	45	5	21	.263
Bialock Tex	168	27	44	12	29	.262
VWells Tor	226	33	58	5	25	.257
WMatsui NYY	164	18	42	8	22	.256
AlRamirez CWS	181	17	46	3	23	.254
JDrew Bos	162	32	41	8	27	.253
Thomas CWS	143	25	36	9	32	.252
Swisher NYY	167	33	42	10	32	.251
Polanco Det	196	22	49	1	21	.250
Betancourt Sea	173	12	43	2	17	.249
Cust Oak	174	28	43	8	28	.247
RSweeney Oak	191	20	47	2	15	.246
Beltre Sea	217	25	43	4	25	.244
Fields CWS	176	17	42	2	20	.239
DeJesus KC	186	21	44	2	20	.237
Jacobs KC	168	19	39	9	23	.232
JOLopez Sea	199	21	46	5	29	.231
Kendrick LAA	166	22	38	4	20	.229
Crisp KC	167	30	38	3	14	.228
CPena TB	195	38	44	17	42	.226
OCabrera Oak	213	24	48	2	17	.225
Sizemore Cle	206	29	46	9	31	.223
Giambi Oak	173	29	38	8	27	.220
BUpton TB	197	34	43	13	21	.218
CDavis Tex	177	24	35	12	26	.198
DOrtiz Bos	187	17	35	1	20	.187
Seattle	3.88	473	210	193	363	4.14
Detroit	4.04	437	206	183	365	7.11
Kansas City	4.27	477	221	183	373	4.9
Boston	4.28	496	228	194	404	0.16
Chicago	4.30	485	222	184	365	4.13
Toronto	4.34	495	242	167	392	3.10
Oakland	4.35	490	229	192	336	2.11
Tampa Bay	4.41	500	242	194	383	2.15



KEVIN P. CASEY/AP

Ichiro Suzuki's 27-game hitting streak has boosted his batting average to .353, third in the American League. The Seattle Mariners outfielder is tied for fourth in the American League with 72 hits.

	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	Avg
Texas	4.64	489	243	181	279	3.17
Los Angeles	4.69	496	240	169	313	4.15
Minnesota	4.76	517	257	152	341	1.10
New York	4.85	489	263	211	402	2.13
Baltimore	5.16	534	272	180	334	2.12
Cleveland	5.38	536	294	231	356	1.12
Greinke KC	82	62	12	88	8	1.10
RRamirez Bos	27	14	9	14	4	2.135
JerWeaver LAA	76	56	20	63	5	2.226
EJackson Det	74	59	18	57	5	3.230
Bedard Sea	61	50	18	61	4	2.237
Halladay Tor	91	83	12	82	9	1.277
Buehrle CWS	74	69	15	46	6	2.291
CLee Cle	82	95	17	59	3	6.296
JJohnson Bal	28	16	11	20	2	3.321
Washburn Sea	64	59	17	44	3	4.322
Millwood Tex	78	73	23	43	4	4.323
JShields TB	82	85	20	60	5	3.440
FHernandez Sea	71	71	20	72	5	3.441
Sabathia NYY	78	65	24	56	5	3.446
CWilson Tex	23	22	11	15	3	3.447
Richmond Tor	54	50	18	44	4	2.350
Blackburn Min	69	74	20	33	5	2.350
Braden Oak	67	75	20	43	4	5.363
Verlander Det	69	60	20	90	6	2.363
Garza TB	74	55	28	66	4	4.367
Porcello Det	56	54	17	34	6	4.370
BColon CWS	50	55	19	33	3	5.375
Baer Bal	29	18	13	20	4	1.377
Saunders LAA	72	69	19	37	6	4.377
Niemann TB	60	58	24	39	5	4.377
Feldman Tex	55	40	20	31	5	0.379
Slowey Min	68	85	7	49	8	1.397
Palmer LAA	44	34	17	27	5	0.406
Meche KC	68	74	27	50	2	5.408
Uehara Bal	51	50	11	38	2	3.409
Beckett Bos	70	66	30	68	6	2.409
Cahill Oak	60	61	26	27	2	5.433
Pettitte NYY	69	77	29	40	5	2.433
Wakefield Bos	70	67	31	41	7	3.450
Talbot Tor	67	53	32	53	3	4.454
ABurnett NYY	71	67	32	65	4	2.469
Bannister KC	51	57	19	31	4	3.480
Danks CWS	54	58	22	50	4	3.480
Guthrie Bal	67	62	21	45	4	4.486
McCarthy Tex	64	66	26	40	5	2.492
BAnderson Oak	54	63	15	31	3	5.497
Breslow Oak	22	14	12	18	1	4.498
Davies KC	64	61	31	48	2	5.520
Pavano Cle	63	73	13	50	5	4.529
Galaraga Det	61	65	27	41	3	6.531
Loux LAA	38	52	14	14	2	3.540

Harrison Tex	55	68	16	29	4	4.543
Hughes NYY	35	37	15	31	3	2.545
JLewis Cle	28	32	10	26	2	5.546
Hendrickson Bal	36	49	15	26	1	4.550
Padilla Tex	53	57	24	27	3	3.557
Penny Bos	54	70	17	34	5	1.563
Lester Bos	65	77	24	74	4	5.565
GFloyd CWS	67	73	30	59	3	7.575
SBaker Min	60	63	11	49	3	6.588
Jakubauskas Sea	48	50	17	20	3	5.596
Liriano Min	59	67	28	50	2	7.600
Sonnenstine TB	56	78	16	32	4	5.707
Ponson KC	43	58	17	24	1	5.727
Carmona Cle	61	69	41	35	2	6.742
Kazmir TB	46	60	29	39	3	5.749
Contreras CWS	30	40	16	17	0	8.589
Eaton Bal	41	56	19	28	2	5.856

National League

TEAM BATTING										
	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	Avg				
Los Angeles	1930	296	545	37	280	.282				
New York	1755	246	490	34	232	.279				
Houston	1804	221	490	43	209	.272				
Washington	1829	252	486	58	243	.266				
Pittsburgh	1787	236	476	33	227	.266				
Philadelphia	1793	290	476	34	278	.265				
San Francisco	1753	208	455	27	194	.260				
Atlanta	1766	228	456	38	215	.258				
St. Louis	1779	242	457	55	234	.257				
Cincinnati	1793	239	455	59	229	.254				
Colorado	1768	255	442	60	245	.250				
Chicago	1710	226	427	56	214	.250				
Milwaukee	1787	254	445	62	249	.249				
Florida	1911	258	474	54	245	.248				
Arizona	1844	225	445	52	215	.241				
San Diego	1766	209	421	56	201	.238				

INDIVIDUAL BATTING

Based on 174 plate appearances

	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	Avg
Beltran NYM	180	32	64	7	32	.358
Tejada Hou	217	30	76	6	32	.350
Wright NYM	155	28	54	5	32	.348
Pujols STL	182	43	63	17	48	.346
HaRamirez Fla	196	34	67	8	25	.342
Pence Hou	192	28	65	6	26	.339
Ibanez Phi	206	44	69	19	53	.338
NJohnson Was	188	28	62	4	27	.330
DWright NYM	190	33	62	3	31	.326
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Hudson LAD	219	39	71	3	32	.324
UJpton Ari	180	34	58	10	33	.322
CJones Atl	143	24	46	5	23	.322
ZimmermanWas	215	40	69	11	38	.321
FSanchez Pit	209	32	67	4	18	.321
Sandoval Hou	190	27	60	10	33	.319
Callee Hou	200	27	63	3	31	.315
Helton Col	184	30	58	7	36	.315
Kemp LAD	206	33	64	6	30	.311
Fukudome Cnc	146	28	45	5	20	.308
FLopez Ari	189	23	58	4	10	.307
Schumaker STL	179	26	54	3	16	.302
Bowerman SF	173	27	53	2	16	.300
Victorino Phi	217	38	65	4	27	.300
Utley Phi	174	39	52	12	36	.299
AnLaRoche Pit	168	21	50	2	27	.298
Bourn Hou	195	31	58	1	13	.297
Feliz Phi	175	19	52	2	28	.297
Escobar Atl	173	25	51	6	25	.295
Bowerman SF	172	27	52	2	25	.295
Blake LAD	169	27	49	9	35	.290
AdGonzalez SD	187	39	54	22	43	.289
Fielder Mil	189	31	54	13	52	.288
Loney LAD	214	25	61	2	41	.288
BNPhillips Cin	172	26	49	10	40	.288
LaStallie NYM	181	29	42	4	22	.287
Theriot Cin	191	29	54	5	22	.283
Winn SF	191	26	54	2	23	.283
MCameron Mil	177	27	50	11	27	.282
Morgan Pit	193	30	54	9	18	.280
Cantu Fla	193	27	54	9	41	.280
Kotchman Atl	173	15	48	2	24	.277
Reynoldz Cin	188	27	47	4	24	.276
CLewis SF	163	32	45	3	8	.276
Burriss SF	176	17	48	0	12	.273
Hermida Fla	196	22	52	5	23	.265
Howard Pit	205	36	54	16	46	.263
Ethier LAD	194	31	51	7	31	.263
Martin LAD	179	23	47	0	26	.263
Wright NYM	188	24	49	5	25	.263
Dunn Was	188	29	49	16	42	.261
Taveras Cin	177	33	46	1	8	.260
Reynolds Ari	193	32	50	13	32	.259
CRoss Fla	189	27	49	8	33	.259
Y Molina STL	162	16	42	3	17	.255
Wright NYM	188	28	48	2	28	.255
MLouth Pit	168	27	43	9	30	.255
Fowler Col	165	24	42	2	14	.255
Duncan STL	165	16	42	4	27	.255
JKohnson Atl	169	29	43	5	19	.254
Francouer Atl	199	26	50	4	25	.251
Hart Mil	195	23	39	6	20	.248
Castro NYM	182	23	39	6	20	.248
BMolina SF	190	19	47	8	32	.247
Renteria SF	166	23	41	2	23	.247
Bonifacio Fla	228	30	56	1	13	.246
AdLaRoche Pit	184	32	45	7	24	.245
ASoriano Cnc	210	37	51	13	26	.243
Wright NYM	181	27	51	16	16	.242
Wright NYM	181	27	51	16	16	.242
Perkins Hou	178	16	43	10	32	.241
Furcal LAD	197	27	47	1	11	.239
Hardy Mil	172	24	41	5	24	.238

AL roundup

Rays head to New York with momentum

The Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — B.J. Upton and the Tampa Bay Rays are headed to New York in an upbeat mood.

Upton hit a two-run homer in the eighth inning and the Rays beat the Kansas City Royals 3-2 on Thursday to complete a three-game sweep.

"The important thing is we got the win," Upton said.

The Rays (28-28) will look to climb above the .500 mark for the first time since they were 4-3 after the first seven games of the season when they face New York on Friday night in the opener of a four-game series at the new Yankee Stadium. Tampa Bay is five games behind New York, which is tied for first in the AL East with Boston.

"Our goal is to go series by series," said Tampa Bay right-hander James Shields (5-4), who allowed two runs and six hits in eight innings.

The Rays overcame an 0-for-13 performance with runners in scoring position to finish a six-game homestand with five victories. The defending AL champions had lost a season-high five straight before returning to Tropicana Field.

"It's how high you bounce after the fall," Tampa Bay manager Joe Maddon said. "I just love the fact we were there for nine innings."

The Royals, meanwhile, have dropped a season-high seven straight and 12 of 14 games overall.

"I thought for sure we had that one," said Billy Butler, who drove in two runs with a



STEVE NESIUS/AP

Kansas City Royals first baseman Billy Butler reaches for the throw as the Tampa Bay Rays' Carl Crawford lunges for the bag during the first inning Thursday in St. Petersburg, Fla. Crawford was safe on the play. The Rays won 3-2.

third-inning double. Kansas City scored just four runs in the three-game series. Butler's hit stopped a stretch of 15 scoreless innings.

Gil Meche allowed one run and six hits in six-plus innings, and left with a 2-1 lead after retiring all 12 Tampa Bay batters he faced with runners in scoring position.

"I couldn't find a rhythm," Meche said. "It started in the first. I just kept waiting to get through a couple of innings that somehow weren't so tough and it just never happened."

Carl Crawford hit Meche's 110th pitch for a leadoff homer in the seventh, cutting Kansas City's lead in half.

Upton made it 3-2 on the first pitch from Jamey Wright (0-2) with two outs in the eighth.

"Sinker inner third [of the plate]," Wright said. "I don't know what to say. That can't happen."

J.P. Howell needed just seven pitches during a perfect ninth to record his second save.

The Rays' series opener against the Yankees on Friday features promising left-hander David Price going up against CC Sabathia.

"We need to maintain our traction and keep moving it forward," Maddon said.

Tampa Bay likely will get third baseman Evan Longoria, who missed his second straight game Thursday with tightness in left hamstring, back in the lineup Friday or Saturday.

Yankees 8, Rangers 6: At New York, Melky Cabrera hit a tiebreaking, two-run homer in the eighth inning to beat Texas.

The Yankees rallied from a 5-1 deficit and took two of three from the AL West leaders.

It was another game of home run derby at the new Yankee Stadium. Johnny Damon started it with a leadoff shot for New York. Rangers slugger Nelson Cruz connected against Chien-Ming Wang in the fifth and Ian Kinsler's solo homer for Texas in the sixth made it 6-6.

David Robertson (1-0) threw one pitch and got the victory, retiring Elvis Andrus on a fly ball to end the eighth.

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300: Second-oldest to reach milestone

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bottom of the ninth, and he tipped his hat to them.

Johnson (5-4) became the 24th pitcher to reach the milestone and first to get 300 on his first try since Tom Seaver in 1985.

"He's become one of the dinosaurs with the other 23, and he didn't want to make a big deal out of it," Giants manager Bruce Bochy said. "But you could see after the game — I'm sure he's had his eye on this 300 for a while."

Johnson had to leave the game after bruising his pitching shoulder while falling forward to make a throw on a fielding play. He's not expected to miss his next start.

San Francisco led 2-1 when he departed, and he nearly wound up with a no-decision. The Nationals loaded the bases with two outs in the eighth before Adam Dunn was called out on strikes with a full count on a knee-high fastball from Brian Wilson.

Johnson is the sixth left-hander

to win 300 games and the second-oldest pitcher to reach the milestone. Knuckleballer Phil Niekro was 46 when he won his 300th with the New York Yankees in 1985.

As long as it took to get to 300, the final step required quite a bit of patience. Two off days in the Giants' schedule and a rainout Wednesday night gave him seven days of rest after winning No. 299 last week against the Atlanta Braves. In addition, Thursday's game was delayed 36 minutes by bad weather and was played in a light rain.

Johnson got the support he needed early, when Juan Uribe's run-scoring grounder and Emmanuel Burriss' RBI single off Jordan Zimmermann (2-3) gave the Giants a 2-0 lead in the second. San Francisco added three runs in the ninth.

In the second game, Matt Cain (7-1) won his fifth straight decision, and the Giants broke a 1-all tie in the fifth with a five-hit rally against Ross Detwiler (0-2).



Nick Wass/AP

Randy Johnson makes a diving throw to first to get an out in the sixth inning of Thursday's game against the Washington Nationals. Johnson bruised his left shoulder making the play and had to leave the game, but San Francisco went on to gain a 5-1 victory, the 300th of Johnson's career.

NL roundup

Phils' Hamels gives Dodgers dose of '08

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Cole Hamels turned back the calendar to last October, when he and the Philadelphia Phillies left Dodger Stadium as the newly crowned champions of the National League.

Hamels turned in another dominant performance against Los Angeles on Thursday night, pitching a five-hitter for his third career shutout as the defending World Series champions extended their winning streak to seven games with a 3-0 victory.

Hamels was the MVP of last year's NLCS and World Series. He won both starts against Los Angeles in the playoffs, including a 5-1 decision at Chavez Ravine that wrapped up the Phillies' first pennant since 1993.

For those wondering what the 25-year-old left-hander could possibly do for an encore this season, this was a good start.

"That's always something that kind of gets in your mind," said Hamels (4-2), who is 4-0 with a 2.84 ERA over his past seven outings. "I mean, you don't have the type of time off to really gather

your thoughts and get prepared for another season. I had a little bump in the road with the elbow soreness, and that kind of delayed some things. But I'm ready to go now."

Hamels threw 97 pitches, retiring 18 of the last 20 batters and allowing only two runners as far as second base — one of them on defensive indifference in the ninth.

He became the first opposing pitcher to throw a shutout at Dodger Stadium since Arizona's Brandon Webb on Aug. 5, 2007.

Hamels, whose 196 strikeouts last season ranked third among lefties last season, fanned five and walked none while lowering his ERA to 4.40.

"Sometimes I'll have a lot of strikeouts and sometimes I won't. But I don't want to be the big strikeout guy because it's hard on you and that really pushes up your pitch count," Hamels said. "My past three or four games I've been going 110 pitches and only getting through the sixth. So pitch efficiency is something I've been trying to work on."

The complete game was

Hamels' fifth in 94 career starts, and the first this season by a Phillies pitcher.

"This is one you just forget about, basically, and chalk it up to the fact that he pitched well," Dodgers outfielder Juan Pierre said. "He threw strikes and we couldn't put any heat on him."

In his May 14 start against the Dodgers at Philadelphia, Hamels gave up two runs in seven innings and settled for a no-decision in the Phillies' 5-3 loss.

"The kid is good. What can you say? When he's on the mound, he ain't got time to be putting guys on base. He lets them make contact and he trusts his defense," Los Angeles second baseman Orlando Hudson said. "He throws strikes, he doesn't walk anybody, he trusts his offspeed pitches and does a great job of moving the ball up and down and in and out."

Los Angeles has the best record in baseball at 37-19, with Philadelphia right behind at 32-20. But in the Dodgers' past four games, they've managed just two runs and 15 hits in 28 innings against the opponents' starting pitchers.

They came into this four-game series leading the NL in batting and runs.

"You definitely don't want it to develop into a trend, but nobody's panicking around here," Pierre said.

Clayton Kershaw (3-4) threw 105 pitches over 5 1/3 innings, allowing two runs and four hits. He's 0-3 with a 6.64 ERA in four career starts against Philadelphia.

Kershaw was pitching for the first time in eight days. His scheduled start on Monday was pushed back to allow manager Joe Torre to insert Hiroki Kuroda back into the rotation after two months on the disabled list, keeping everyone else on their usual rest.

The Phillies scored their runs on Ryan Howard's sacrifice fly in the fourth, Raul Ibanez's double in the sixth and Jayson Werth's single in the seventh.

Marlins 4, Brewers 3: At Miami, Josh Johnson hit a three-run shot for his first career homer and pitched into the eighth inning. Johnson (5-1) allowed two runs and five hits in 7 2/3 innings. He connected off Dave Bush (3-2) in the fourth.

Cardinals 3, Reds 1: At St. Louis, Chris Carpenter pitched a three-hitter for his first complete game in more than two years and Albert Pujols took care of the offense with a two-run homer and an RBI double.

Carpenter (4-0) needed just 95 pitches for his first complete game since Sept. 11, 2006, at Houston. It was the 26th complete game of his career.

Cincinnati's Laynce Nix spoiled Carpenter's bid for a shutout in the eighth inning with his seventh homer.

Aaron Harang (5-6) went the distance in losing his second straight.

Rockies 10, Astros 3: At Houston, Garrett Atkins broke out of a slump with two home runs as Colorado snapped a four-game skid. Ryan Spillburghs and Brad Hawpe added solo homers and Jason Hammel (2-3) pitched seven innings as the Rockies avoided a sweep and stopped Houston's winning streak at four games. The Astros' Wandy Rodriguez (5-5) gave up seven runs and 10 hits in five innings.

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Sports briefs

Glavine seething over treatment by Braves

The Associated Press

ATLANTA — Tom Glavine said he returned to the Atlanta Braves last season because he believed pitching for the Braves while living at home with his family was "the best of both worlds."

Glavine, still seething after being released by the Braves on Wednesday, said Friday he's not sure if he'll attempt to prolong his career with another club.

"I've had a couple of phone calls in regards to pitching. I've had a couple of phone calls ... in terms of consulting or pitching-coach type of situations," he said, talking in depth for the first time about his release.

"I'm not worried about getting an opportunity to do something. I know I'll be able to do something. That's obviously something I'm going to have to take time to figure out."

Glavine said he was incredulous when told by GM Frank Wren, "You're not good enough to get guys out."

He said it won't be easy to mend his relationship with the Braves, who said the decision was based on Glavine's performance in his minor league rehab appearances. But Glavine, 43, said, "It usually is about the money."

Glavine would have received a \$1 million bonus by being added to the 25-player roster.

Braves chairman Terry McGuirk insisted Thursday the decision by Wren, team president John Schuerholz and manager Bobby Cox was not based on finances.

"I know they had a very tough time but it was purely and only on the merits of what gave us the best chance to win, no financial interest whatsoever involved," McGuirk said.

Asked if the 305-game winner deserved at least one chance to complete his comeback, McGuirk said: "Bobby was in the unanimous camp with all the decision-makers on this. That's all I can tell you. We all know Bobby is making decisions on winning the games. That's I think the greatest gut-check on this one."

Glavine said he believes he was released to clear the way for top pitching prospect Tommy Hanson to be promoted this weekend and to clear finances for Wednesday's trade with Pittsburgh for outfielder Nate McLouth.

"I told those guys, if it's about you have better options, then tell me you have better options," Glavine said. "I have listened the last day and a half about how bad I am, how bad I pitched and how I can't get anybody out in the big leagues. I've heard all that stuff. I don't agree with it."

On Wednesday, Wren said Glavine's "comeback was not working."

"Our evaluation was he would not be successful," Wren said of Glavine's major league outlook.

Glavine threw a combined 11 scoreless innings in his last two minor league rehab appearances, including six scoreless innings for Class A Rome on Tuesday night.

"Based on my performance?" Glavine asked, repeating Wren's assessment. "Well, my bad, I just threw 11 scoreless innings. Was I supposed to throw a no-hitter and strike out 15? That's never been my style of pitching."

NFL union, retired players reach deal

BUFFALO, N.Y. — The NFL Players Association reached a \$26.25 million settlement with retired players who had successfully sued the union for cutting them out of lucrative marketing deals.

The settlement ended an appeal filed by the union in the case, NFLPA official George Atallah told The Associated Press



Future Hall of Famer Tom Glavine, a 305-game winner who was released by the Atlanta Braves on Wednesday, says he was incredulous when club general manager Frank Wren told him he wasn't good enough to get batters out.

Paul Abell/AP

on Thursday. The settlement was close to the \$28.1 million the NFLPA was ordered to pay after a federal jury ruled in favor of the players in November. The jury determined the union failed to include retired NFL players in deals with Electronic Arts Inc., the maker of the "Madden NFL" video game, and other companies.

The NFLPA appealed the ruling in February.

Hall of Fame cornerback Herb Adderley filed the lawsuit in 2007 on behalf of 2,056 retired players who contend the union failed to actively pursue marketing deals on their behalf with video games, trading cards and others sports products.

The settlement was described by Ron Katz, the lawyer for the retired players, as a "historic first step" by the NFLPA in beginning to heal its rift with its former players. Katz credited new NFLPA executive director DeMaurice Smith, who took over in March as the successor to the late Gene Upshaw. Smith has called healing the rift between retired players and the union a top priority.

Drug charges for Keith Jackson Jr.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — Former Arkansas defensive tackle Keith Jackson Jr. was arrested Friday on suspicion of felony drug charges after being found in an apartment with marijuana, cocaine and Ecstasy.

Prosecutors in Little Rock District Court said that 2 pounds of marijuana, 1 gram of cocaine and about 50 tablets of Ecstasy were found in the apartment. Three other people were also arrested, and police said two minor children were at the apartment when they executed a search warrant.

Jackson, 24, was arrested on suspicion of possession of marijuana, cocaine and Ecstasy with intent to deliver, possession of drug paraphernalia and criminal use of another's property. Marvin Johnson, 22, of Little Rock was arrested on the same charges.

Police also arrested the pair who lived in the apartment — David Adams, 27, and Lacanna Smith, 24 — on the same charges, as well as maintaining a drug premises and endangering the welfare of a minor.

Little Rock District Judge Alice Lightle set a \$50,000 bond. Jackson said nothing during the brief court appearance, his hands cuffed behind his back.

Jackson was drafted by the St. Louis Rams. He is the son of Keith Jackson, who played for Philadelphia, Miami and Green Bay in the 1980s and '90s.

Cops: Torrealba son, relative safe

DENVER — The 11-year-old son and

brother-in-law of Colorado Rockies catcher Yorvit Torrealba were released Wednesday within hours of their kidnapping in Venezuela.

Police said the two were abducted on the way to Yorvit Eduardo Torrealba's school and that the kidnappers demanded \$466,000 in ransom. Wilmer Flores Trossel, director of Venezuela's federal police, said no ransom was paid. It wasn't clear if they had been released or rescued.

Flores Trossel said the two were kidnapped and released on Wednesday, but the Rockies said Torrealba learned of the abduction on Tuesday. The contradiction couldn't immediately be reconciled. No arrests have been made, but Flores Trossel said investigators have identified six suspects.

Ex-NBA player Randy Smith dies

NORWICH, Conn. — Randy Smith, a crowd-pleasing All-Star with the Buffalo Braves in the 1970s who once held the NBA record for consecutive games, died at a Connecticut hospital. He was 60.

Smith was brought to the emergency room of William W. Backus Hospital on Thursday and pronounced dead. The hospital did not give a cause of death.

Smith played 13 years in the NBA and set a record for playing in 906 consecutive games from 1972-83. His mark was eclipsed by A.C. Green in 1997.

Smith was drafted by the Buffalo Braves in the seventh round in 1971.

A small forward, he played seven seasons before the team moved to San Diego. He also played for Cleveland, New York and Atlanta.

Smith averaged 16.7 points, 3.7 rebounds and 4.6 assists per game for his career. He finished with 16,262 points.

NASCAR countersues Mayfield

LONG POND, Pa. — NASCAR filed a countersuit in federal court against driver Jeremy Mayfield and denied each of the suspended driver's arguments why his failed drug test should be overturned.

NASCAR spokesman Ramsey Poston, speaking Friday from Pocono Raceway, said the countersuit was filed against Mayfield for willfully violating NASCAR's substance abuse rules, breach of contract, and defrauding NASCAR and its competitors of earnings.

Among the claims of the lawsuit are that Mayfield knowingly participated in NASCAR competition using a combination of drugs in violation of the substance-abuse rules and violated his contracts with NASCAR and the standards of care he owed

fellow drivers and spectators.

Mayfield was suspended May 9 for failing a random drug test conducted eight days earlier at Richmond International Raceway.

■ Jeff Gordon has ruled out surgery on his aching back and hopes the daily treatments he receives at the track will ease the pain he's felt for more than a year. Gordon says he might opt instead for a repeat of a procedure he had last month that typically calls for an injection of lidocaine or anti-inflammatory medication.

Gordon got a break from the driver's seat Friday after rain washed out qualifying for Sunday's Pocono 500. Starting positions will be decided by the driver standings, meaning Gordon will start second at Pocono next to points leader Tony Stewart.

Group eyes 2nd NHL team in Toronto

TORONTO — A Toronto-based group unveiled a proposal to launch a second NHL franchise in the city in time for the 2012-13 season.

The Toronto Legacy Group suggested Friday that about \$900 million in financing is in place for the proposed expansion team. The team would be known as the Toronto Legacy and play in a 30,000-seat arena proposed for Downsview Park.

The group led by Andrew Lopez has proposed that 25 percent of its annual net profits would be divided among charitable foundations and nonprofit organizations.

Lopez says his group is not affiliated with Blackberry billionaire Jim Balsillie, who is looking to relocate the Phoenix Coyotes to Hamilton, Ontario.

Haye seeks to reschedule Klitschko

LONDON — David Haye hopes his world heavyweight title fight against Wladimir Klitschko can be rescheduled for July.

The British fighter pulled out of the scheduled June 20 bout against the IBF and WBO champion Wednesday after injuring his back in training.

The fight was scheduled to take place before a sellout crowd of more than 60,000 at Schalke's soccer stadium in Gelsenkirchen, Germany. Haye's manager, Adam Booth, said Thursday the boxer was returning to Britain for treatment and hoped a fight date would be arranged.

"It looks like there will be only a three-week delay from the original fight date, which hopefully means that Wladimir will only postpone the fight, rather than cancel it," Booth said in statement.

Haye is 22-1 and has recently moved up from cruiserweight. Klitschko, considered the best of the heavyweights, is 52-3.

Armstrong announces son on Twitter

Lance Armstrong, who won the Tour de France seven years in a row after overcoming testicular cancer, announced the birth of his son on the social-networking site Twitter late Thursday night. The proud papa even posted a picture of the newborn, playfully sticking his tongue out at the camera.

"Wassup, world? My name is Max Armstrong and I just arrived. My Mommy is healthy and so am I!" Armstrong posted to his account. Armstrong and his girlfriend, Anna Hansen, announced in December that they were expecting a baby in June.

About 15 minutes after the initial post, Armstrong sent another message praising the doctor and nurse who helped deliver the newborn, saying they were amazing.

He then posted that Max weighed 7 pounds, 5 ounces and was 20 inches long.

Armstrong is expected to be riding in the Tour de France when it begins July 4.

Stanley Cup finals

Sid and the Kids pull even with Red Wings

Crosby, youthful Pittsburgh too much for veteran Detroit team in Game 4

By ALAN ROBINSON
The Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Sidney Crosby still lives at home, even if it is Mario Lemieux's place. Jordan Staal can't legally buy a drink in Pittsburgh for a couple more months. Evgeni Malkin still loves eating mom's home cooking.

Oh, these Pittsburgh Penguins are much like a bunch of college kids, many of them in their early 20s. In any other sport, they'd probably be wearing some university's uniform or that of a low-level minor league team.

In the NHL, Sid and the Kids are two victories away from raising the Stanley Cup — and, after losing the first two games of the finals in Detroit last weekend, who would have guessed that was possible against the experienced, poised and determined Red Wings?

Make that poised and, possibly, leg-weary Red Wings, whose vast advantages in Stanley Cup experience and playoff savvy meant nothing next to the Penguins' edge in youthful speed and fresh legs during Pittsburgh's series-tying 4-2 victory in Game 4 on Thursday night.

Now, instead of having the chance to raise the Stanley Cup at home Saturday night, the Red Wings must win to avoid a possible elimination game of their own in Pittsburgh on Tuesday.

The Red Wings still own home-ice advantage, with two of the next three at Joe Louis Arena if necessary, but the Penguins own some momentum and confidence. They had neither after back-to-back 3-1 defeats in Detroit to start the series.

"I think we're confident and we'll keep moving forward," Tyler Kennedy said after Pittsburgh scored three times in 5½ minutes of the second period to turn a one-goal deficit into a two-goal lead. "We're trying to keep our foot on the gas."

Should the Penguins rally to win the series, they'll probably



KEITH SRAKOCIC/AP

Pittsburgh Penguins center Sidney Crosby, right, defends against Detroit Red Wings left wing Tomas Holmstrom in the first period of Game 4 of the Stanley Cup finals in Pittsburgh on Thursday night. Crosby had a goal and an assist, and the younger Penguins looked fresher in their series-tying 4-2 victory.

remember Staal's short-handed goal as the catalyst.

With the Red Wings up 2-1 and enjoying nearly four minutes of continuous power-play time, Staal took Max Talbot's up-ice pass and outskated defenseman Nicklas Lidstrom and Brian Rafalski to beat Chris Osgood at 8:35 of the second.

"Max made a great play. I saw Lidstrom and Rafalski both kind of flat-footed," Staal said. "I kind of just buried my head, went for it and kind of snuck it in."

The goal electrified the standing-room crowd of 17,132, causing a thunderous din that shook 49-year-old Mellon Arena's stainless steel roof.

Down on the ice, the Red Wings were a bit shaky, too.

"I don't know if we got rattled, but just maybe tried to do a little too much," Kirk Maltby said.

Less than two minutes later, Crosby scored on a 2-on-1 breakout with Evgeni Malkin, a play reminiscent of how Crosby's landlord, Lemieux, once teamed with Jaromir Jagr to score goals. Not long after that, Kennedy scored off Crosby's pass.

Rather than using the two power plays to get the goal that would have made it 3-1 — not only in the game but, probably, the series — the Red Wings suddenly found themselves down 4-2, the same score as Game 3.

"It seemed like all their guys were really slumped over tired and looked like they were frustrated, really," Penguins defenseman Brooks Orpik said. "When you see that you just kind of feed off of it."

Special teams again were the culprit; Pittsburgh is 4-for-9 on the power play and has the short-handed goal, while Detroit is 1-for-10.

The Red Wings still can regroup, win Game 5 and give themselves two games to close out the team they beat in a six-game finals a year ago. But they probably sense these aren't the how-did-we-get-here Penguins of a year ago, a group that didn't look ready to win the Stanley Cup.

Penguins goalie Marc-Andre Fleury has settled down to play two excellent games in a row — he made 37 saves — and Malkin (35 points) and Crosby (30 points)

NHL playoffs

STANLEY CUP FINALS
Detroit vs. Pittsburgh
(Best-of-seven)

Detroit 3, Pittsburgh 1
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Pittsburgh 4, Detroit 2
Thursday: Pittsburgh 4, Detroit 2, series tied 2-2
Saturday: Pittsburgh at Detroit
Tuesday: Detroit at Pittsburgh
Friday, June 12: Pittsburgh at Detroit*
*—if necessary

Thursday
Penguins 4, Red Wings 2

Detroit	1	1	0-2
Pittsburgh	1	3	0-4

First Period—1, Pittsburgh, Malkin 14 (Letang, Staal), 2:39 (pp). 2, Detroit, Helm 4, 18:19.
Second Period—3, Detroit, Stuart 3 (Zetterberg, Rafalski), :46. 4, Pittsburgh, Staal 3 (Talbot, Eaton), 8:35 (sh). 5, Pittsburgh, Crosby 15 (Malkin), 10:34. 6, Pittsburgh, Kennedy 4 (Crosby, Kunitz), 14:12.
Shots on Goal—Detroit 19-9-11-39. Pittsburgh 11-11-9-31.
Power-play opportunities—Detroit 0 of 4; Pittsburgh 1 of 3.
Goalies—Detroit, Osgood 14-6-0 (31 shots-27 saves). Pittsburgh, Fleury 14-7-0 (39-37).
A—17,132 (16,940). T—2:31.

each had a goal and an assist. Crosby was limited to an assist in the first three games.

And the Penguins are drawing confidence from their second-round comeback against Washington and Alex Ovechkin, when they lost the first two on the road before winning the series in seven games.

Not that they're that much older than they were a year ago. Each of the Penguins' goal scorers in Game 4 is 22 or younger—including Malkin, whose mother and father are visiting from Russia and accompany him home each night, just like they did back home a few years ago.

The Wings must be glad to be going home themselves.

"It's a three-game series now, we've got two at home," Henrik Zetterberg said.

Detroit is hoping regular-season scoring leader Pavel Datsyuk (foot) will be ready for Game 5. He took part in the pregame practice before deciding he wasn't ready to go.

"If he comes back for the next one, he adds an extra dimension for our team," Lidstrom said.

Penguins goalie Fleury flourishes in face of critics

By IRA PODELL
The Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Maybe now the questions about Marc-Andre Fleury's ability on the big stage will stop.

After rescuing Pittsburgh with a 14-save second period in Game 3, Fleury came back two nights later and stopped 37 shots to lift the Penguins to a 4-2 victory over the Detroit Red Wings on Thursday that tied the Stanley Cup finals at two games apiece.

"From a distance, I always saw the questions from the media," said coach Dan Bylsma, who took over behind the Penguins bench

in February. "His record and the times he stood up for this team both at the end of the season and the playoffs is pretty significant."

The Penguins played what they called their worst period of the playoffs Tuesday night in Game 3. That second period was scoreless, but only because of Fleury.

While he was stopping all the shots he faced in that period of a game his team couldn't lose, the offense generated only four on Detroit's Chris Osgood.

The landscape changed dramatically in Game 4, but it looked like much of the same in the first minute of the second period.

Pittsburgh held a 1-0 lead for

much of the first before Darren Helm tied it with 1:41 left. The Red Wings needed only 46 seconds of the middle period to go ahead and quiet what had been a celebratory crowd.

Fleury went back into shutdown mode from there. After making 18 saves in the first, he made eight in the second and nine in the scoreless third to hold off the Red Wings.

Quite a turnaround from last year, when Detroit won three of the first four games from Pittsburgh in the finals and closed out the Penguins in six — earning the final two victories on enemy ice.

While Osgood is shooting for his

fourth Stanley Cup ring — third as the Red Wings' starting goalie — and adding to his impressive résumé, Fleury is trying to live up to the fanfare he got when he was chosen with the first pick in the 2003 draft.

Overall in these playoffs, Fleury is 14-7 with a 2.60 goals-against average.

Osgood helped the Red Wings build a 6-2 goals advantage in the first two games and created the impression he was outplaying his Pittsburgh counterpart. That wasn't hard to do considering he owned the best career winning percentage in the finals of .833.

After two losses in Pittsburgh,

in which the Penguins outscored Detroit 8-4, Osgood is down to .714 (10-4) and not the clear-cut top goalie in the series anymore.

Fleury also has backstopped his club to consecutive appearances in the finals.

"I prefer my team, I prefer my teammates," said Fleury, 4-6 in Stanley Cup finals games. "No matter what people say or write about me doesn't matter. Every night I'll try my best. I'll try to stop pucks."

"There will be some rough nights, but the most important thing is to forget about it as quick as possible and to start over again in the next one."

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NICK WASS/AP

San Francisco Giants pitcher Randy Johnson delivers against the Washington Nationals during the fourth inning of the first game of a doubleheader Thursday in Washington. The Giants won 5-1, and Johnson, at age 45, became the 24th pitcher in major league history to win 300 games.

Milestone helps Johnson appreciate the greats

By JOSEPH WHITE
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Randy Johnson did a lot of name-dropping after winning his 300th game. Nolan Ryan. Greg Maddux. Don Sutton. Now that he's in their league, he appreciates them even more.

"It sounds funny, but I've played 22 years, I'm 45, and I've come upon 300 wins," Johnson said. "And I'm thinking I only have 211 more to catch Cy Young."

Or 55 to catch Maddux. Or 24 to

catch Sutton and Ryan. Johnson also pointed out that, even though he's No. 2 in strikeouts, he's still nearly 1,000 behind Ryan.

"It really puts things in perspective," Johnson said. "I have a great deal of respect for my peers because I know how hard it is to do what they've done now."

Johnson certainly has a shot at climbing a bit higher up the victory list if he keeps pitching the way he did Thursday. No longer the strike-'em-out force he was in his youth, the Big Unit cleverly threw six innings of two-hit

ball in the San Francisco Giants' 5-1 victory over the Washington Nationals in the first game of a doubleheader.

"It's adjusting, adapting and improvising," Washington manager Manny Acta said. "This guy, to make the adjustment from the mid-90s guy with a nasty slider to mix in the changeup — instead of being the old flamethrower."

The Giants completed a sweep with a rain-shortened 4-1 victory. The second game was called with two outs in the top of the sixth after a delay of 67 minutes.

Johnson allowed an unearned run, walked two and struck out two, throwing 50 of 78 pitches for strikes. He faced four batters above the minimum and got shut-out relief from his bullpen. After weeks of downplaying the 300 milestone, he was flush with emotion as he celebrated with family and friends who had made the trip. His 13-year-old son, Tanner, served as batboy.

"I think it kind of hit me when I walked on the field," Johnson said. "It's a long-range achievement. It's not a one-game or a

one-year achievement, it's a career achievement. Who knows how many teammates I've had over my 21 years, but they had a great deal to do with my success. I'm going to think about this for a long time."

It was hardly the ideal setting for a historic moment. The crowd was small and the weather was wet. Some of the few thousand fans who witnessed the feat — the Nationals have trouble drawing a crowd for anything these days — chanted "Randy! Randy!" in the

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